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## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2014

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Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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<b>A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning</b>		, 2014, and ending	, 20
<b>B Check if applicable</b>	<b>C Name of organization</b> Action Now Initiative		<b>D Employer identification number</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing business as		45-4083809
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)		<b>E Telephone number</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return			713-554-1936
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	Houston, TX 77056		<b>G Gross receipts \$</b> 9,425,054
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	F Name and address of principal officer: Ashley Hanna P O Box 460868 Houston, TX 77056		<b>H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<b>H(b) Are all subordinates included?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
<b>I Tax-exempt status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( 4 ) (insert no)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527
<b>J Website:</b>	► <a href="http://www.actionnowinitiative.org/">http://www.actionnowinitiative.org/</a>		
<b>K Form of organization</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Association
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>L Year of formation</b> 2011
			<b>M State of legal domicile</b> TX

**Part I Summary**

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:	The mission of the organization is to organize and support advocacy efforts aimed at informing and educating the public at large, particularly in the areas of obesity, education, pension and criminal justice reform.	
2	Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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	
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 4b)	4	
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2014 (Part V, line 2a)	5	
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	
		<b>RECEIVED</b> A041 SEP 24 2015 OGDEN, UT Prof Year	
		Current Year	
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	2,940,000	
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	81	
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,940,081	
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	3,248,200	
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0	
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ►	1,834,779	
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,103,109	
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	5,082,979	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-2,142,898	
		Beginning of Current Year	
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	60,006	
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	60,006	
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	12,654	

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	<i>Ashley Hanna</i>	Date
	Signature of officer	
	<i>Ashley Hanna President</i>	9-15-15
	Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name Howard Sckolnik	Preparer's signature <i>Howard Sckolnik</i>	Date 9/9/15	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01064967
	Firm's name ► Howard Sckolnik CPA		Firm's EIN ►		
	Firm's address ► 8203 E. Sierra Pinta Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85255		Phone no	602-524-0974	

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990 (2014)

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The mission of the organization is to organize and support advocacy efforts aimed at informing and educating the public at large particularly in the areas of obesity, education, pension and criminal justice reform.

**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 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 \$ 9,168,511 including grants of \$ 8,369,297) (Revenue \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Action Now Initiative engaged in activities to educate the public about public policy issues and advocate for reform. Issues addressed by the organization include obesity, education, pension reform and election reform. The grant funding provided to organizations during the year 2014 supported the overall mission of educating the public about public policy issues.

**4b** (Code: \_\_\_\_\_) (Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_ including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ \_\_\_\_\_)**4c** (Code: \_\_\_\_\_) (Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_ including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ \_\_\_\_\_)**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)  
(Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_ including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ \_\_\_\_\_)**4e** Total program service expenses ► 9,168,511

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

- 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .
- 2 Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)? . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
  - 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 . . . . .
  - 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 . . . . .
  - 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 . . . . .
  - e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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 . . . . .
- 12 a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .
- 14 a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?
  - 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 . . . . .
- 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV . . . . .
- 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV . . . . .
- 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) . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 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 . . . . .
- 20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .
- b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .

	Yes	No
1	✓	
2	✓	
3	✓	
4		
5	✓	
6	✓	
7	✓	
8	✓	
9	✓	
10	✓	
11a	✓	
11b	✓	
11c	✓	
11d	✓	
11e	✓	
11f	✓	
12a	✓	
12b	✓	
13	✓	
14a	✓	
14b	✓	
15	✓	
16	✓	
17	✓	
18	✓	
19	✓	
20a	✓	
20b		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21 ✓	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22 ✓	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23 ✓	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a ✓	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a ✓	
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b ✓	
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26 ✓	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27 ✓	
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a ✓	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b ✓	
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c ✓	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29 ✓	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30 ✓	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31 ✓	
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32 ✓	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33 ✓	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34 ✓	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a ✓	
b	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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37 ✓	
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38 ✓	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V 

**1a** Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . . **1a** 21  
**1b** 0

**b** Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . . **1b** 0

**c** Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . . **1c** ✓

**2a** 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 **2a** 0

**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) . . . . .

**3a** Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . . .  
**b** If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .

**4a** At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . .  
**b** If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).

**5a** Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . .  
**b** Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . . . .

**c** If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . .

**6a** Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . . .  
**b** If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .

**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? . . . . .  
**b** If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .

**c** Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .  
**d** If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year **7d** . . . . .

**e** Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .  
**f** Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .

**g** If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .  
**h** If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . .

**8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . .

**9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**

**a** Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . .  
**b** Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . .

**10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:

**a** Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . . **10a**  
**b** Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities **10b**

**11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:

**a** Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . .  
**b** Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them) . . . . .

**12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? **12a**

**b** If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year **12b**

**13 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.

**b** Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . . **13b**

**c** Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . . **13c**

**14a** Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . .

**b** If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		
<b>1b</b>	0	
<b>1c</b>	✓	
<b>2a</b>	0	
<b>2b</b>		
<b>3a</b>	✓	
<b>3b</b>		
<b>4a</b>	✓	
<b>5a</b>	✓	
<b>5b</b>	✓	
<b>5c</b>		
<b>6a</b>	✓	
<b>6b</b>		
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<b>9a</b>		
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<b>13b</b>		
<b>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b>		✓
<b>14b</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 or note to any line in this Part VI

### Section A. Governing Body and Management

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. . . . . **1a** 3  
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.

1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . . **1b** 2

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? . . . . . **2** ✓

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? . . . . . **3** ✓

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . . **4** ✓

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . . **5** ✓

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . . **6** ✓

7a 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? . . . . . **7a** ✓

b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . . **8a** ✓

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: . . . . . **8b** ✓

a The governing body? . . . . . **9** ✓

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .

9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O. . . . .

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

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . . **10a** ✓  
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? . . . . .

11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . . **11a** ✓  
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. . . . .

12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . . **12a** ✓  
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .  
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done . . . . .

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . . **13** ✓

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . . **14** ✓

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 . . . . .  
b Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .  
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).

16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . . **16a** ✓  
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 take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . . **16b** ✓

### Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► None

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made 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 made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ►  
Paul Queneau 2800 Post Oak Blvd Suite 225 Houston, TX 77056-6169 713-554-1903

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII 
**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a 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			
(1) Alison Ferguson - Director & President Resigned November 2014	40	✓		✓			0	0	0
(2) Paul Queneau - Director & Treasurer	0.5	✓		✓			0	0	0
(3) Allen Gibson - Director & Corporate Secretary	0.5	✓		✓			0	0	0
(4) Ashley Hanna - Director & President	30	✓		✓			62,414	0	0
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									

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

(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 director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(15)									
(16)									
(17)									
(18)									
(19)									
(20)									
(21)									
(22)									
(23)									
(24)									
(25)									
1b Sub-total . . . . .						►	62,414		
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . . . .						►	0		
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . . .						►	62,414	0	0
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 ► None									

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual . . . . .	3	✓
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 . . . . .	4	✓
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 . . . . .	5	✓

**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
Orion Strategies, LLC PO Box 427 Austin, TX 78767	Consulting	132,000
Denis Calabrese 1800 Post Oak Boulevard # 6380 Houston, TX 77056	Consulting	195,000
Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai 350 Sansome St # 3, San Francisco, CA 94104	Legal	112,170
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►	3	

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII 

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b Membership dues . . .	1b				
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
	d Related organizations . . .	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	9,425,000			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f. \$					
<b>h Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ►</b>		<b>9,425,000</b>				
Program Service Revenue	Business Code					
	2a					
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue .					
<b>g Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ►</b>						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ►					
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ►					
	5 Royalties . . . . . ►					
	6a Gross rents . .	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b Less: rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ►					
	7a 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) . . . . . ►					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ . . . . . of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . a					
b Less: direct expenses . . . . . b						
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . ►						
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . a						
b Less: direct expenses . . . . . b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . ►						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . a						
b Less: cost of goods sold . . . . . b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ►						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue . . . . .						
e <b>Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ►</b>						
<b>12 Total revenue. See instructions. . . . . ►</b>		<b>9,425,054</b>				

**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 or note to any line in this Part IX 

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	8,369,297	8,369,297		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0			
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			
7	Other salaries and wages	0			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes				
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management	290,316	290,316		
b	Legal	2,500	2,500		
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	799,214	799,214		
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	1,798		1,798	
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17	Travel				
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				
23	Insurance				
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					
b					
c					
d					
e	All other expenses	9,281		9,281	
25	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	9,472,406	9,168,511	303,895	
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X 

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	60,006	1 12,654
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4	
	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	7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	13	
	14 Intangible assets	14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	15	
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	60,006	16 12,654
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	17 0
	18 Grants payable	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	21	
	22 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	0	26 0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.		
	27 Unrestricted net assets	60,006	27 12,654
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.		
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	60,006	33 12,654
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	60,006	34 12,654

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI 

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	1	9,425,054
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	2	9,472,406
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	3	-47,352
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	4	60,006
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	5	0
6	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	6	0
7	Investment expenses . . . . .	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments . . . . .	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) . . . . .	10	12,654

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII 

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	✓
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	✓
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? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	2c	
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	
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.	3b	

**SCHEDULE I**  
(Form 990)

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

OMB No 1545-0047

**2014**

Open to Public  
Inspection

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Action Now Initiative

Employer identification number

45-4083809

► Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(1) (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Alabama Policy Inst, 402 Office Park Dr #300, Mtn Brook AL 35223	63-0809568	501C-3	80 000	0			Public Education
(2) Baton Rouge Area Chamber 564 Laurel St, Baton Rouge, LA 70801	72-0126959	501C-6	50 000	0			Public Education
(3) CA Center for Public Health Advocacy PO Box 2309 Davis, CA95617	95-4723901	501C-3	400 000	0			Public Education
(4) The Center for Healthy Eating and Food, 1218 3rd Ave Ste 505	47-1975156	501C4	875 000	0			Public Education
(5) Seattle, WA 98101							
(6) Committee for Pension Fairness, 1827 Knoll Dr Ventura CA 93003	46-4437124	527	150 000	0			Public Education
(7) Healthy Child Initiative BMC-400 Capital Mall Ste1545,Sacramento CA	46-4790401	501C-3	70 000	0			Public Education
(8) Liberty Initiative Fund 2050 Old Bridge RD #103 Lake Ridge VA 22192	45-4101488	501C-3	548 000	0			Public Education
(9) Open Primaries, Inc. 36 W 25th St 9th Floor NY NY 10010	47-1494685	501C4	810 000	0			Public Education
(10) Stand for Children 516 Morrison St Ste140 Portland, OR 97214	52-2146673	501C-4	15 000	0			Public Education
(11) StudentsFirst - 824 K St, 2F Sacramento, CA 95814	27-3659685	501C-4	2,100 000	0			Public Education
(12) Support Our Public Schools 1005 Congress Ave Ste350 Austin TX 78701	46-4083029	501C4	150,000	0			Public Education

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . .

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table . . . . . ► 5

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2014)

**SCHEDULE I**  
**(Form 990)****Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2014****Open to Public  
Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Action Now Initiative

Employer identification number

45-4083809

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) Texans for Education Reform PO Box 684765 Austin TX 78768	46-1963956	501C-4	2 500,000	0			Public Education
(2) Heartland Alliance 208 S Lasalle St Ste 1300 Chicago IL 60604	36-1877640	501C-3	50 000	0			Policy&Advocacy Programs
(3) Citizens for PHX Pension Reform 2415 E Camelback RD Phoenix	46-3721416	527	1 087 000				Public Education
(4) AZ 85016							
(5)							
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2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table  
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
**Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed**

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Action Now Initiative maintains records in its corporate and accounting records regarding the amounts of grants made to organizations, the status of those organizations, and the approval of grants by the board of directors. Action Now Initiative requires all grantees to submit a year end report which summarizes how the grant funding was used and the accomplishments of the organization.

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Part VI #11 - Electronic copies of this tax return have been circulated to members of its governing board

Part VI #19 - Upon written request the Organization's governing documents, conflict of interest policy and financial statements will

be made available

Part VI, Section B, Line 12c – The organization enforces compliance with its conflict of interest policy at the annual board of directors

meeting and as new transactions that may present a conflict are considered