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For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

Name of foundation THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ % ERIC SCHWARTZ		A Employer identification number 13-3157570	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 10 GLENNVILLE STREET 1ST FLOOR		Room/suite	BT Telephone number (see instructions) (203) 531-7480
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code GREENWICH, CT 06831		C If exemption application is pending, check here	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ 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) \$ 29,857,049		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here	
J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)			

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))</i>		Revenue and expenses per books (a)	Net investment income (b)	Adjusted net income (c)	Disbursements for charitable purposes (d) (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	0			
	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	581,996	526,023		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 _____	819,388			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____ 6,416,759				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV , line 2)		819,388		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	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)	-40,278	-40,278		
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	1,361,106	1,305,133		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0			
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule).				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule).	8,370	0	0	0
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	157,038	96,386		59,015
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	39,981	6,981		
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings.	5,274			5,274
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule).	195,548	125,149		2,500
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	406,211	228,516	0	66,789
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,427,085			1,427,085
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,833,296	228,516	0	1,493,874
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-472,190			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		1,076,617		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				

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	22,417	243,237	243,237
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	2,250,280	971,720	971,720
	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)	4,650,054	4,623,359	4,706,770
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	8,620,865	9,051,256	11,137,620
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)	1,751,828	2,199,562	2,159,297
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)	7,811,223	7,546,464	8,815,728
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	1,764,804	1,763,683	1,822,677	
16	Total assets(to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	26,871,471	26,399,281	29,857,049	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	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)		0	
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			
	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	26,871,471	26,399,281	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances(see instructions)	26,871,471	26,399,281	
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances(see instructions)	26,871,471	26,399,281		

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	26,871,471
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-472,190
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	26,399,281
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	26,399,281

Part IV

Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

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

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

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h)) (l)
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) over col (j), if any	
a See Additional Data Table			
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	819,388
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 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))
2014	1,306,901	30,618,788	0 042683
2013	1,101,824	27,808,435	0 039622
2012	876,951	2,572,763	0 34086
2011	562,255	2,687,686	0 209197
2010	522,752	973,226	0 537133

2 Total of line 1, column (d).	2	1 169495
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 233899
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	30,335,578
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	7,095,461
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	10,766
7 Add lines 5 and 6.	7	7,106,227
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	1,493,874

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 page 18 of the 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	21,532
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	
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	21,532
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	21,532
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	27,529
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	27,529
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	5,997
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax ▶ 5,997 Refunded ▶	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

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?		Yes	No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? <i>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</i>			No
c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?			No
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? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>	2		No
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? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b		
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>	5		No
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?	6	Yes	
7	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	7	Yes	
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? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i> .	8b	Yes	
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 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	10		No

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		No
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		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>www.common sensefund.org</u>	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ► <u>ERIC SCHWARTZ</u> Telephone no ► <u>(203) 531-7480</u> Located at ► <u>10 GLENVILLE STREET 1ST FLOOR GREENWICH CT</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>06831</u>			
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 2015, 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 instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country ►	16	Yes	No

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)? 1b			
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ► ☐			
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 2015? 1c			No
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 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? ☐ 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). 2b			No
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 2015 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? (<i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015</i>). 3b			
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
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 2015?	4b		No

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)? ☐ Yes ☒ No **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? ☐ 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? ☐ Yes ☒ No **6b** **No**

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

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? ☐ Yes ☒ No **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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances

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

Part VIII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)*

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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
BENEFACTORY PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS LLC 229 KENYON STREET HARTFORD, CT 06105	ADVISORY FEES	51,614

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services. ▶

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	
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	
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	27,181,659
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	1,795,930
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	1,819,952
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	30,797,541
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	30,797,541
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	461,963
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	30,335,578
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	1,516,779

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	1,516,779
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	21,532
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	21,532
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	1,495,247
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	1,495,247
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	1,495,247

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	1,493,874
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes.	2	0
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	0
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	0
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	1,493,874
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	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	1,493,874

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 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				1,495,247
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.			0	
b Total for prior years 2013 , 2012 , 2011		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010.	474,785			
b From 2011.	429,596			
c From 2012.	748,897			
d From 2013.				
e From 2014.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	1,653,278			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ 1,493,874				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0	
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 2015 distributable amount.				1,493,874
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	1,373			1,373
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	1,651,905			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.		0		
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		0		
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				0
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 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . .	473,412			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	1,178,493			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011. . . .	429,596			
b Excess from 2012. . . .	748,897			
c Excess from 2013. . . .				
d Excess from 2014. . . .				
e Excess from 2015. . . .				

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 2015, enter the date of the ruling.

b

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

2a

Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
b 85% of line 2a				
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed				
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				

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.

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 organization 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))

NONE

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

NONE

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 email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

b

The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

c

Any submission deadlines

d

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

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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 See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	1,427,085
b Approved for future payment				
Total			3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

[illegible]

Part XVII

- 1** Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

(1) Cash.

b Other transactions

(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.

(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets: _____

(5) Loans or loan guarantees

(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

6. Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

d. If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the

of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fa

in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services

[illegible]

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here ***** _____ Signature of officer or trustee	2016-11-11 _____ Date	***** _____ Title
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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below
(see instr)? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name BERNADETTE H SCHOPFER	Preparer's Signature	Date 2016-11-01	Check if self-employed ☒	PTIN P00578448
	Firm's name ☐ MAIER MARKEY & JUSTIC LLP			Firm's EIN ☐	
	Firm's address ☐ 222 BLOOMINGDALE ROADSTE 400 WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605			Phone no (914) 644-9200	

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns a - d

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	How acquired P—Purchase (b) D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
STIFEL 8144-S/T	P		
STIFEL 8144-L/T	P		
STIFEL 3952-S/T	P		
STIFEL 3952-L/T	P		
US TRUST ACCOUNTS-L/T	P		
US TRUST ACCOUNTS-S/T	P		
CAPITAL GAIN DIVIDENDS	P		

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns e - h

(e) Gross sales price	Depreciation allowed (f) (or allowable)	Cost or other basis (g) plus expense of sale	Gain or (loss) (h) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
37,807		30,761	7,046
183,841		146,216	37,625
2,673			2,673
88,360		63,200	25,160
3,189,912		2,832,138	357,774
2,504,691		2,525,056	-20,365
			100,148

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns i - l

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) over col (j), if any	
			7,046
			37,625
			2,673
			25,160
			357,774
			-20,365

Form 990PF Part VIII Line 1 - List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation(If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
TED LOEWENTHAL 10 GLENVILLE STREET 1ST FLOOR GREENWICH,CT 06831	SECRETARY 0	0	0	0
ADLYN S LOEWENTHAL 10 GLENVILLE STREET 1ST FLOOR GREENWICH,CT 06831	PRESIDENT 0	0	0	0
ERIC SCHWARTZ 10 GLENVILLE STREET 1ST FLOOR GREENWICH,CT 06831	VP/TREASURER 0	0	0	0
DAVID SCHWARTZ 10 GLENVILLE STREET 1ST FLOOR GREENWICH,CT 06831	TRUSTEE 0	0	0	0
CAROLYN SCHWARTZ 10 GLENVILLE STREET 1ST FLOOR GREENWICH,CT 06831	TRUSTEE 0	0	0	0
DEBRA FRAM 10 GLENVILLE STREET 1ST FLOOR GREENWICH,CT 06831	TRUSTEE 0	0	0	0

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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 <i>Paid during the year</i>				
SCHWAB CHARITABLE FUND 211 Main Street San Francisco,CA 94105	NONE		Contribution to a donor-advised fund account	150,000
UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS 2 BRATTLE SQUARE CAMBRIDGE,MA 02138	NONE		To support the mission of the Union of Concerned Scientists to put rigorous, independent science to work to solve our planet's most pressing problems. Joining with citizens across the country by combining technical analysis and effective advocacy to create innovative, practical solutions for a healthy, safe, and sustainable future.	50,000
CLAY ART CENTER 40 BEECH STREET PORT CHESTER,NY 10573	NONE		To support the organization in advancing its mission of growing the education, exhibitions, Artist Residency and outreach programs, which are all focused "to kindle a passion for the ceramic arts and to provide a sharing community for that passion to flourish."	50,000
Ohel Rachel Ve Leah Foundation Inc 28 W 36TH ST NEW YORK,NY 10018	NONE		To support the organization's Bnei Zion Meitar Day Center	50,000
American Friends Of The Heschel Center 2419 Jf Kennedy Blvd Jersey city,NJ 07304	NONE		TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION'S Herschel Center for Sustainability	95,000
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE RON-SHULAMIT CONSERVATORY PO BOX 43179 JERUSALEM,ISRAEL 91431 IS	NONE		TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MUSIC EDUCATION AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN EDUCATION	50,000
COLAB THEATER GROUP PO Box 727 NEW YORK,NY 10011			TO ENABLE THE ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES A CREATIVE AND SOCIAL OUTLET THROUGH THEATER ARTS	50,000
Judy Dworin Performance Project 233 PEARL ST HARTFORD,CT 06103			TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION that the arts can be a powerful agent for SOCIAL change. PROGRAMS INCLUDE HAVING teaching artists engage in continuing multi-arts collaborative performance projects with the women INCARCERATED IN PRISON, in school and after school innovative arts and enrichment programs provided for children and high school students with incarcerated parents, a special arts weekend retreat offered at York Correctional Institution for women residents, their children and caregivers, and more.	55,000
MUSIC HAVEN PO BOX 207332 NEW HAVEN,CT 06520			TO SUPPORT THE Music Havens mission WHICH is to use a string quartet to build a vibrant urban community through performance and music education that empowers young people, their families, and professional musicians.	50,000
TOXICS ACTION CENTER 44 WINTER STREET BOSTON,MA 02108	NONE		To support the organization's mission TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	35,000
CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION 62 SUMMER STREET BOSTON,MA 02110	NONE		To support the organization's mission to Use law, economics and science to solve the environmental problems that threaten the people, natural resources and communities of New England.	40,000
GIRL BE HEARD 80 E 11TH STREET SUITE 301A NEW YORK,NY 10003	NONE		To support the organization's use of theater as a vehicle to empower young women to become brave, confident, socially conscious leaders and explore their own challenging circumstances.	50,000
THE DECONSTRUCTIVE THEATRE PROJECT 1421 DeKalb Avenue 2L BROOKLYN,NY 11237	NONE		To support the organization's mission to devise and premiere new multidisciplinary work for purposes of education and cultural enjoyment.	25,000
INSIDE CLIMATE NEWS 16 Court Street 1210 Brooklyn,NY 11241	NONE		to produce clear, objective stories that give the public and decision-makers the information they need to navigate the heat and emotion of climate and energy debates.	75,000
NATURAL CAPITALISM SOLUTIONS 11823 N 75th St Longmont,CO 80503	NONE		to educate senior decision-makers in business, government and civil society about the principles of sustainability.	100,000
Total ▶ 3a				1,427,085

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Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
CAMBODIAN LIVING ARTS 202 Spring Street Marion,MA 02738	NONE		The mission of Cambodian Living Arts is to facilitate the transformation of Cambodia through the arts We work in collaboration with others to create an environment where Cambodian arts empower and transform individuals and communities We do this by encouraging the growth of artists and the arts community, by promoting awareness of the arts, and by advocating for the arts with cultural policymakers and major institutions In doing so, we aim to create value and understanding of what it means to be Cambodian and to create a sense of unity and shared culture We believe that through creativity we can each expand our potential as human beings	65,000
PEF ISRAEL ENDOWMENT FUND 317 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK,NY 10017	NONE		TO ENABLE THE ORGANIZATION'S DIRECT DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO SELECTED AND APPROVED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN ISRAEL	35,000
CONNECTICUT FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT 900 Chapel Street Upper Mezzanine New Haven,CT 06510	NONE		To support the organization's mission to protect and improve the land, air, and water of Connecticut and Long Island Sound	50,000
CONNECTICUT PUBLIC BROADCASTING 1049 ASYLUM AVENUE HARTFORD,CT 06105	NONE		TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION EFFORTS TO SERVE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WITH A MIX OF EDUCATIONAL, NEW, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, CHILDREN'S, AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES	50,000
GLASSROOTS 10 Bleeker Stree Newark, NJ 07102	NONE		To support the organization's mission to empower NJ residents of all ages to think creatively and realize new visions of their futures through the art of glassmaking renowned for excellence in collaborative programming, GlassRoots presents high quality, rigorous, innovative, relevant, and diverse programming that both reflects and expands the communitys interests	25,000
UNIFIED THEATER INC 15 LEWIS STREET SUITE 207 HARTFORD,CT 06103	NONE		Unified Theater dissolves typical barriers between youth through transformative, school based performing arts programming At Unified Theater, young people with and without disabilities, of all backgrounds, come together as equals to put on a production The production is entirely organized, written, and directed by the students themselves In over sixty schools across the country over 6,000 students with and without disabilities have performed to almost 10,000 audience members The concept is simple let teens lead, let creativity rule, and put the Spotlight on Ability	32,085
ECSU FOUNDATION 83 Windham Street Willimantic,CT 06226	NONE		To support programs at Eastern Connecticut State University	25,000
CENTRAL FUND OF ISRAEL 980 Sixth Avenue New York,NY 10018	NONE		To promote charitable activities in Israel	10,000
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF YEDIDIM 16133 VENTURA BLVD ENCINO,CA 91436	NONE		TO INCREASE AWARENESS & RAISE FUNDS FOR YEDIDIM IS ISRAEL	50,000
ACADIA CENTER 21 Oak Street Suite 202 Hartford,CT 06106	NONE		To support the organization's commitment to build clean, low carbon and consumer friendly economies characterized by reliable information, comprehensive advocacy and problem solving through innovation and collaboration	75,000
NEO PHILANTHROPY 45 W 36th St 6th Floor NEW YORK,NY 10018	NONE		To support the organization's mission to increase funding for cutting-edge strategies that advance social change and promoting leadership to achieve a vision of justice and dignity for all	60,000
CLEAN WATER FUND 1444 I Street NW Suite 400 Washington,DC 20005	NONE		To support the organization's mission to develop strong grassroots environmental leadership and to bring together diverse constituencies to work cooperatively for changes that improve their lives, focused on health, consumer, environmental and community problems	25,000
Total ▶ 3a				1,427,085

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC
C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING FEES	8,370			

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TY 2015 Depreciation Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC

C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Bonds Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC
C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
BONDS	2,199,562	2,159,297
ACCRUED INTEREST PAID		

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC
C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
EQUITIES	9,051,256	11,137,620

TY 2015 Investments Government Obligations Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC
C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

**US Government Securities - End of
Year Book Value:**

648,072

**US Government Securities - End of
Year Fair Market Value:**

645,708

**State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Book
Value:**

3,975,287

**State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Fair
Market Value:**

4,061,062

TY 2015 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC

C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
INVESTMENT IN 500 STARTUPS II	AT COST	448,161	448,161
INVESTMENT IN BRANT POINT INTL	AT COST	4,000,000	4,633,763
HEDGE FUNDS	AT COST	1,238,752	1,584,052
PRIVATE EQUITIES	AT COST	1,481,625	1,811,266
REIT'S	AT COST	172,558	181,060
MUTUAL FUNDS	AT COST	0	0
COMMODITIES	AT COST	83,658	35,716
INVESTMENT IN PILOT 103 LLC	AT COST	121,710	121,710

TY 2015 Other Assets Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC
C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
INVESTMENT IN LIFE INSURANCE	1,760,958	1,760,958	1,819,952
DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST REC	3,846	2,725	2,725

TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC

C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
NYS FILING FEES	750			
ADR FEES	54	54		
DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	2,500			2,500
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	2,114			
COMPUTER EXPENSES	449			
INSURANCE	1,867			
MISCELLANEOUS INVESTMENT FEES	299	299		
DEDUCTIONS FROM K-1 SCHEDULE	186,529	123,810		
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	986	986		

TY 2015 Other Income Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC
C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
SECURITY LITIGATION FEES	694	694	
LOSS THRU SCHEDULE K-1'S	-40,972	-40,972	

TY 2015 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC
C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ADVISORY FEES	59,015			59,015
INVESTMENT FEES	98,023	96,386		

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC
C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ
EIN: 13-3157570

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FEDERAL TAXES	33,000			
FOREIGN TAX EXPENSE	2,678	2,678		
FOREIGN TAX EXPENSE THRU K-1'S	4,303	4,303		