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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2015

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

B Check if applicable
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization COMMONWEALTH POLICY CENTER INC	D Employer identification number 45-4795746
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) P O BOX 5	Room/suite
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code HERNDON, KY 42236	
E Telephone number (270) 271-2713	
F Group Exemption Number ►	

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ► _____**H** Check ► if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**I** Website: ► COMMONWEALTHPOLICYCENTER.ORG**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) 501(c)(3) 501(c)(4) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527**K** Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other _____**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 159,119**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	156,961
2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	2,145
3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
4 Investment income	4	13
5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
6 Gaming and fundraising events		
a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
b Less cost of goods sold	7b	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ►	9	159,119
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	10,000
11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	102,634
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	20,374
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	6,894
16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	26,757
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ►	17	166,659
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-7,540
19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	81,597
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	74,057

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	82,540	22 77,113
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	419	24 251
25 Total assets	82,959	25 77,364
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	1,362	26 3,307
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	81,597	27 74,057

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

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Expense

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

THE COMMONWEALTH POLICY CENTER IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE BEDROCK VALUES OF LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. IT AFFIRMS AS STATED IN THE KENTUCKY CONSTITUTION THAT OUR CIVIL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES COME FROM GOD. TO THAT END, IT SEEKS TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON CRITICAL ISSUES OF THE DAY, WORK FOR POLICIES THAT GROW THE COMMONWEALTH, PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS, AND INFLUENCE ELECTIONS ON BEHALF OF CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES. THE CENTER IS A NON-PROFIT, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION AND SEEKS TO ELEVATE THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

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

PUBLIC SPEAKING, NETWORKING, NEWSLETTERS, BLOGS, OPINION WRITING AND ADVERTISING I
28 ORDER TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE SOCIAL AND MORAL ISSUES OF THE DAY
(Grants \$ 10,000) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . .

29

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

20

150,925

30

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ► **32** 150,92

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

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

For Faculty

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
RICHARD NELSON EXECUTIVE DI	40 00	78,000	18,186	
ANDY FRENCH PRESIDENT	1 00	0		
PAUL HERRELL SECRETARY	1 00	0		
ROBBY MILLS TREASURER	1 00	0		
ANGELA MINTER DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
JEFF HAUSNER DIRECTOR	1 00	0		
JEFF DAVIS DIRECTOR	1 00	0		

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

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	No
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	No
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	No
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	No
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	No
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="checkbox"/> 37a	37a	
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? <input type="checkbox"/> 37b	37b	No
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? <input type="checkbox"/> 38a	38a	No
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved <input type="checkbox"/> 38b	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter	39a	
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 39a	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities <input type="checkbox"/> 39b	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> 40a , section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> 40a , section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> 40a	40a	
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I <input type="checkbox"/> 40b	40b	No
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="checkbox"/> 40c	40c	
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="checkbox"/> 40d	40d	
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T <input type="checkbox"/> 40e	40e	No
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> KY		
42a The organization's books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> LYN OVER Telephone no <input type="checkbox"/> (270) 271-2713 Located at <input type="checkbox"/> P O BOX 5 HERNDON, KY ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 42236		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> 42b	42b	No
42c See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) <input type="checkbox"/> 42c	42c	No
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S? <input type="checkbox"/> 42c	42c	No
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> 43	43	
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 43 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/> 43	43	
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ <input type="checkbox"/> 44a	44a	No
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ <input type="checkbox"/> 44b	44b	No
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> 44c	44c	No
d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O <input type="checkbox"/> 44d	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <input type="checkbox"/> 45a	45a	No
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> 45b	45b	No

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		No

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

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

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

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

47 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

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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

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

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

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

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. ► _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ► Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer RICHARD NELSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	2016-05-12 Date
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name TERRY L CARVER	Preparer's signature	Date 2016-05-12	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00038972
	Firm's name ► KEMPER CPA GROUP LLP			Firm's EIN ► 37-0818432	
	Firm's address ► PO BOX 676 HENDERSON, KY 424190676			Phone no (270) 826-4474	

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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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Name of the organization COMMONWEALTH POLICY CENTER INC	Employer identification number 45-4795746
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10	COMMONWEALTH POLICY FOUNDATION 01/14/2015 P O BOX 5 HERNDON, KY 42236 10,000 0 0
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES BUSINESS ADVERTISING 76 CAMPAIGN - CP PAC 7,904 TRAINING ADVERTISING 568 BUSINESS PAYPAL FEES 499 EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE 338 SUPPLIES 407 TELEPHONE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2,067 IN-KIND SUPPLIES 29 BANK FEES 600 TRAINING SUPPLIES 16 COMPUTER/TECH SUPPORT 3,817 LEASED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 62 LEASED VEHICLE GASOLINE 208 TRAINING LODGING 665 TRAVEL 3,073 OWNED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 323 OWNED VEHICLE GASOLINE 1,511 LEASED VEHICLE 500 TRAINING MEALS 1,274 MEALS 797 LODGING 483 CONFERENCE, CONVENTION, MEETI 207 VEHICLE INSURANCE 567 LIABILITY, D&O 565 VEHICLE REGISTRATION 18 BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE 15 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 168 TOTAL 26,757
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	EQUIPMENT 1,454 1,454 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 1,035 1,203 UNDEPOSITED FUNDS 0 0 TOTAL 419 251
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES 1,362 3,307
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	THE COMMONWEALTH POLICY CENTER IS DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE BEDROCK VALUES OF LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. IT AFFIRMS AS STATED IN THE KENTUCKY CONSTITUTION THAT OUR CIVIL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES COME FROM GOD. TO THAT END, IT SEEKS TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON CRITICAL ISSUES OF THE DAY, WORK FOR POLICIES THAT GROW THE COMMONWEALTH, PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS, AND INFLUENCE ELECTIONS ON BEHALF OF CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES. THE CENTER IS A NON-PROFIT, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION AND SEEKS TO ELEVATE THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.