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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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)

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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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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

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

D Employer identification number
45-4795746
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
Revenue	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			
Expenses	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
	Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)			18
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)

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

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 IN 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

28a

150,925

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

150,925

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

(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		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	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?	38a	No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> _____, section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
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	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"/> _____		
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"/> _____		
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	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"/> _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	42b	No
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> _____	42c	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/> 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	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	44b	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	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	44d	
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	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)	45b	No

		Yes	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		
		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	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	47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

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		2016-05-12 Date				
	RICHARD NELSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title						
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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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
www.irs.gov/form990.

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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 LEASE D VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 62 LEASED VEHICLE GASOLINE 208 TRAINING LODGING 665 TRAVEL 3,073 OWN ED 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 LIABIL ITY, D&O 565 VEHICLE REGISTRATION 18 BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE 15 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIAT ION 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, MARR IAGE AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY IT AFFIRMS AS STATED IN TH E KENTUCKY CONSTITUTION THAT OUR CIVIL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES COME FROM GOD T O 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 BEH ALF OF CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES THE CENTER IS A NON-PROFIT, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION AND SEEKS TO ELEVATE THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS