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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. ▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/foirm990	OMB No 1545-0047 2015 Open to Public Inspection
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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2015 , and ending 08-31-2016			
B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization PUBLIC COUNSEL		D Employer identification number 23-7105149
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (213) 385-2977
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 610 S ARDMORE AVENUE	Room/suite	
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code LOS ANGELES, CA 90005		G Gross receipts \$ 14,715,502
	F Name and address of principal officer MARGARET MORROW 610 S ARDMORE AVENUE LOS ANGELES, CA 90005		
I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
J Website: ▶ WWW.PUBLICCOUNSEL.ORG		H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)	
K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶		H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
		L Year of formation 1970	M State of legal domicile CA

Part I		Summary	
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities ADVANCING EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW BY DELIVERING PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES (SEE SCHEDULE O) ADVANCING EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW BY DELIVERING PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENT AND UNDERREPRESENTED CHILDREN AND ADULTS, ENSURING THAT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE LEGAL SUPPORT, AND MOBILIZING THE PRO BONO RESOURCES OF THE PRIVATE BAR		
	2 Check this box ☐ 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	79
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	79
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	151
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	4,583
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
Revenue		Prior Year	Current Year
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	10,447,264	11,275,889
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,275,297	2,977,688
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	592,587	115,163
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-109,497	-365,340
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	12,205,651	14,003,400
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	38,880	10,500
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	9,675,250	9,994,823
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <u>▶891,228</u>		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	1,703,274	1,820,063
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	11,417,404	11,825,386
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	788,247	2,178,014
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	13,420,424	15,848,669
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	961,090	1,052,326
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	12,459,334	14,796,343

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					
Sign Here	*****				2017-01-17
	Signature of officer				Date
	MARGARET MORROW PRESIDENT/CEO Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Prnt/Type preparer's name Thomas Schulte		Preparer's signature Thomas Schulte	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN P00637812
	Firm's name ▶ Armanino LLP				Firm's EIN ▶ 94-6214841
	Firm's address ▶ 11766 Wilshire Blvd 9th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90025				Phone no (310) 478-4148

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

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Briefly describe the organization's mission

PUBLIC COUNSEL IS THE NATION'S LARGEST PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FIRM SPECIALIZING IN DELIVERING PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES. FOUNDED IN 1970, PUBLIC COUNSEL STRIVES TO ACHIEVE THREE MAIN GOALS: PROTECTING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN, REPRESENTING IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE BEEN THE VICTIMS OF TORTURE, PERSECUTION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TRAFFICKING, AND OTHER CRIMES, AND FOSTERING ECONOMIC JUSTICE BY PROVIDING INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESS TO QUALITY LEGAL REPRESENTATION. THROUGH A PRO BONO MODEL THAT LEVERAGES THE TALENTS AND DEDICATION OF THOUSANDS OF ATTORNEY AND LAW STUDENT VOLUNTEERS, PUBLIC COUNSEL DELIVERS FREE OR LOW-COST LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME CLIENTS AND ADDRESSES SYSTEMIC POVERTY AND CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES THROUGH IMPACT LITIGATION AND POLICY ADVOCACY.

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 \$ 2,062,672	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 520,538)
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Children's Rights: Public Counsel staff attorneys, social workers and social work interns work with pro bono attorneys and law students to empower children and youth to meet their wide range of needs in civil legal matters, including guardianship, education rights, special education, government benefits, foster care benefits, school truancy and removals, and teen parenting. We also provide representation to children whose parents are terminally ill, and advocate for children with developmental disabilities. As part of our work with children, our adoptions unit represents parents adopting children in the foster care system. (The revenue reported here is the amount of exempt function revenue from Form 990, Part VIII, column (B) allocated to this program.)

4b

(Code)	(Expenses \$ 2,057,646	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 774,660)
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Immigrants Rights: Public Counsel staff and volunteers provide pro bono representation to individuals seeking asylum on the basis of persecution due to nationality, race, religion, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Public Counsel staff and volunteers also represent victims of serious crimes who become eligible for immigration benefits through cooperation with law enforcement officials, as well as immigrants who have suffered abuse at the hand of citizen or permanent resident spouses. Staff attorneys and volunteers also represent abused, abandoned and neglected children under the jurisdiction of state dependency, delinquency and probate courts who cannot reunify with their parent/s, and unaccompanied minors and families fleeing violence in their home countries. Staff and volunteers also provide advice and education to immigrants in detention. (The revenue reported here is the amount of exempt function revenue from Form 990, Part VIII, column (B) allocated to this program.)

4c

(Code)	(Expenses \$ 1,624,404	including grants of \$)	(Revenue \$ 448,584)
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Homelessness Prevention: Public Counsel's staff attorneys and intake coordinators partner with volunteer attorneys and law students in an effort to reduce the number of homeless people in our community by focusing on the needs of individuals that are at high risk of ending up homeless or becoming chronically homeless. We provide advocacy and advice to impoverished, hungry and homeless individuals to help them secure shelter, food, transportation, healthcare and social services. Focused legal clinics in parts of the county where families are at greater risk of homelessness provide direct advocacy services to at-risk families to enable them to access cash aid, transitional housing and other essential benefits. We also provide pro bono and low cost eviction defense representation and conduct walk-in clinics for homeless and at-risk youth. (The revenue reported here is the amount of exempt function revenue from Form 990, Part VIII, column (B) allocated to this program.)

See Additional Data

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 4,307,286	including grants of \$ 10,500)	(Revenue \$ 1,233,906)
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Total program service expenses ▶ 10,052,008

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2 Yes	
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	3	No
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	4 Yes	
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	5	No
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	6	No
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	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
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	9	No
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	10 Yes	
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	11a Yes	
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	11b	No
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	11c	No
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	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	No
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	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a Yes	
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	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
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	14b	No
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	15	No
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	16	No
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)	17	No
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	18 Yes	
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	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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		No
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	Yes	
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	Yes	
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		No
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	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		No
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		No
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		No
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		No
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		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
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		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
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		No
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		No
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		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
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	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
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		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

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

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	46	
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	Yes	
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	151	
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).	2b	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b		
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)?	4a		No
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?	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
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?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
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?	7a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	Yes	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
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?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
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?	8		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
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.	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b		
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.	13a		
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?	14a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 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	1a 79		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 79		
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		No
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		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes	
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	Yes	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		No
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
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	9		No

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

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
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?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
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	Yes
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
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	15a	Yes
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes
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	No
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 **CA**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (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
SHARI BARTZ-CO PUBLIC COUNSEL 610 S ARDMORE AVE LOS ANGELES, CA 90005 (213) 385-2977

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐

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 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

[illegible]

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 ► 13														
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>Yes</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td></td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>		Yes	No	3		No	4	Yes		5		No
	Yes	No												
3		No												
4	Yes													
5		No												
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>													
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>													

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
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 ► 0		

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	65,582	11,275,889			
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c	2,671,096				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	3,087,734				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	5,451,477				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		153,955				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶						
Program Service Revenue			Business Code					
	2a	ATTORNEYS FEES	541100	2,187,027	2,187,027			
	b	PROGRAM SERVICE FEES	541100	769,520	769,520			
	c	SEMINARS	900099	21,141	21,141			
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue						
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶			2,977,688			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		90,410			90,410	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶						
	5	Royalties ▶						
	6a	(i) Real		(ii) Personal	150			150
		Gross rents	150					
		b Less rental expenses	0					
		c Rental income or (loss)	150					
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶						
	7a	(i) Securities		(ii) Other	24,753			24,753
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	249,188					
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	224,435					
		c Gain or (loss)	24,753					
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶						
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 2,671,096 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . .			-375,618			-375,618
		a	112,049					
		b Less direct expenses b	487,667					
	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	MISCELLANEOUS		900099	10,128			10,128	
b								
c								
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶			10,128				
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶			14,003,400	2,977,688	0	-250,177	

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 ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(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				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	10,500	10,500		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	726,409	145,162	334,879	246,368
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	7,509,376	6,898,375	265,368	345,633
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	475,953	423,752	23,318	28,883
9	Other employee benefits	662,143	599,940	26,975	35,228
10	Payroll taxes	620,942	534,386	43,093	43,463
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	65,175		65,175	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees	23,184		23,184	
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	529,587	404,466	27,442	97,679
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	223,069	191,974	15,481	15,614
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	388,309	333,945	27,182	27,182
17	Travel	134,863	134,863		
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	164,740	141,776	11,433	11,531
23	Insurance	54,861	47,214	3,807	3,840
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	PROGRAM LITIGATION	74,811	74,811		
b	DUES AND LIBRARY	44,638	44,638		
c	CONTINUING EDUCATION	32,259	32,259		
d	FUNDRAISING	26,765			26,765
e	All other expenses	57,802	33,947	14,813	9,042
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	11,825,386	10,052,008	882,150	891,228
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 ☐ 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)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			840,192	1	1,149,213
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			1,042,000	2	3,217,137
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			1,779,559	3	1,525,989
	4	Accounts receivable, net			722,647	4	636,043
	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			124,884	9	146,241
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	6,670,124			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	1,281,137	5,245,991	10c	5,388,987
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			3,117,081	11	3,261,621
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			548,070	12	523,438
	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)			13,420,424	16	15,848,669
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			769,451	17	985,818
	18	Grants payable				18	
	19	Deferred revenue			191,639	19	66,508
	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			961,090	26	1,052,326
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			8,526,950	27	10,058,982
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			3,932,384	28	4,737,361
	29	Permanently restricted net assets				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ 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			12,459,334	33	14,796,343
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			13,420,424	34	15,848,669

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	14,003,400
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	11,825,386
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	2,178,014
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . .	4	12,459,334
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	158,995
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
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	14,796,343

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 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ 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 ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
b	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 ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
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	Yes	
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?		No
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		

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Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code	) (Expenses \$	1,037,367	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	257,869)
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Consumer Law Public Counsel staff attorneys and volunteers provide direct legal representation and education to indigent clients in consumer law matters including homeowners defrauded by home equity scam artists, predatory lenders and foreclosure consultants, victims of car scams and door-to-door sales scams, debtors suffering from collection agency harassment, and students scammed by predatory for-profit colleges Public Counsel's debtor assistance project (DAP) provides legal assistance to low-income debtors confronting various legal bankruptcy issues and concerns, and operates a bankruptcy self help center and clinic at the bankruptcy court (The revenue reported here is the amount of exempt function revenue from Form 990, Part VIII, column (B) allocated to this program)

(Code	) (Expenses \$	1,080,591	including grants of \$	10,500) (Revenue \$	369,422)
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Community Development Public Counsel staff and volunteers provide comprehensive legal and capacity building services (including transactional legal services such as contracts, tax and corporate compliance, employment law and intellectual property, land use, and formation of nonprofit corporations) for nonprofits that assist lower income people and neighborhoods and for small businesses and low income entrepreneurs located in, and employing residents of, low income neighborhoods, including child care providers who care for low income children Our Housing Opportunities, Preservation and Enforcement unit uses advocacy, litigation and land use tools to support the development and preservation of affordable housing for lower income persons Our Early Care and Education law unit works to support greater access to quality early care and education by helping to expand child care centers, providing education and support to those who want to start a childcare business, and working with state and local agencies to improve the quality and availability of child care (The revenue reported here is the amount of exempt function revenue from Form 990, Part VIII, column (B) allocated to this program)

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code	) (Expenses \$	461,387	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	100,379)
Appellate Law Public Counsel attorneys provide assistance at a self-help clinic to unrepresented, indigent litigants with civil matters pending in the appellate courts, and place selected civil appellate matters with pro bono attorneys for representation Public Counsel staff and volunteers also operate a self-help clinic for unrepresented indigent litigants in the Federal District Court, educate litigants about federal court procedures, and provide direct representation to indigent litigants in federal court through staff attorneys and pro bono attorneys (The revenue reported here is the amount of exempt function revenue from Form 990, Part VIII, column (B) allocated to this program)					
(Code	) (Expenses \$	312,617	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	198,092)
Veterans Benefits Public Counsel's veterans project (the Center for Veterans Advancement) works to overcome homelessness, poverty, and loss of quality of life among veterans Public Counsel staff and volunteers provide legal representation to veterans and their caregivers to help them secure the government benefits earned through their service, and overcome barriers to employment, housing, medical care and/or supportive services Public Counsel's staff and volunteers represent veterans in state courts, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (The revenue reported here is the amount of exempt function revenue from Form 990, Part VIII, column (B) allocated to this program)					

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code	) (Expenses \$	912,722	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	198,684)
Impact Litigation Project Public Counsel's impact litigation team (Opportunity Under Law) builds on Public Counsel's longstanding economic justice practice Public Counsel Opportunity Under Law brings suit in federal and state courts to combat economic injustice through litigation and other means The lawsuits this project initiates affect large groups within Public Counsel's service focus (The revenue reported here is the amount of exempt function revenue from Form 990, Part VIII, column (B) allocated to this program)					
(Code	) (Expenses \$	502,602	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	109,460)
Statewide Education Rights Public Counsel's Statewide Education Rights team unites litigation, legislative and policy change, direct legal services and community partnerships to address issues of educational opportunity that affect youth throughout the state of California Our education rights attorneys work through education, litigation and direct legal representation to ensure that youth and families receive supports they need to succeed and works to keep kids in school and reduce out-of-school suspensions and expulsions in order to improve student learning and graduation rates and stop the "school to prison pipeline" (The revenue reported here is the amount of exempt function revenue from Form 990, Part VIII, column (B) allocated to this program)					

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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 employee	Former			
PAUL W SWEENEY JR BOARD CHAIR	5 00	X		X				0	0	0
BRIAN R STRANGE BOARD VICECHAIR	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
JAMIE BRODER BOARD SECRETARY	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
Michael H Steinberg BOARD TREASURER	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
RAND S APRIL INTERIM CEO	25 00	X		X				0	0	0
WAYNE M BARSKY PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
Daniel Clivner PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
KARLENE W GOLLER PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MATTHEW T HEARTNEY PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAVID G JOHNSON PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0

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CHRISTOPHER A MURPHY PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
STEPHEN E PICKETT PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT F SCOULAR PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
GAIL MIGDAL TITLE PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARTIN S ZOHN PAST CHAIR	1 00	X						0	0	0
MANUEL MANNY A ABASCAL Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
TANYA M ACKER Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
LAURA M AHART Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
JONATHAN H ANSCELL Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
STEVEN D ARCHER Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

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SHARON BEN-SHAHAR Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
JENNIFER S BALDOCCHI Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
DR YING CHEN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
VINCENT H CHIEFFO Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MORGAN CHU Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
ALFRED M CLARK Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
PHILIP E COOK Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
CORY COPELAND Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
ANDRE J CRONTHALL Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
BERT H DEIXLER Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

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Rosemaire Chiusano Drohan Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARK H EPSTEIN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
RICHARD C FINKELMAN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MICHAEL J FINNEGAN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
WILLIAM FLUMENBAUM Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
KAREN N FREDERIKSEN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
SEAN P GATES Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
LAURENCE R GOLDMAN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
DANIEL GRUNFELD Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARK E HADDAD Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

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YAKUB HAZZARD Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
Christopher M Hopkins Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MELISSA D INGALLS Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
LOUIS A KARASIK Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
PETER J KENNEDY Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
JESSIE A KOHLER Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
TONY LEE Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
JEROME L LEVINE Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MATTHEW P LEWIS Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAVID R LIRA Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
BARBARA E MATHEWS Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN M MCCOY Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARCELLUS ANTONIO MCRAE Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARTIN R MELONE Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
SALVADOR L MENDOZA Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT A MEYER Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
OWEN R MURRAY Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
STEVEN A NISSEN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
THOMAS J NOLAN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
DAVID E NOLTE Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

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NEIL R O'HANLON Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
LAURA R PETROFF Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
BARRY PORTER Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
WILLIAM T QUICKSILVER Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
PHILIP R RECHT Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
FRANK REDDICK Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
TIMOTHY D REUBEN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
KEVIN D RISING Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN A ROGOVIN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
RICK R ROTHMAN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Eric C Ruud Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARC L SALLUS Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARK A SAMUELS Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
STEPHEN SHERLINE Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MICHAEL S SPINDLER Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
G THOMAS STROMBERG Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
RANDALL J SUNSHINE Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT S WOLFE Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
KENNETH ZIFFREN Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
MARGARET MORROW President & CEO	60 00			X				0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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 employee	Former			
SHARI BARTZ Vice President of Finance and Operations	55 00			X				160,528	0	23,078
TRACY RICE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT	55 00				X			154,888	0	17,209
ELIZABETH BLUESTEIN VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL	55 00				X			153,406	0	21,932
MARK ROSENBAUM DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55 00					X		212,679	0	26,454
MARTHA MATTHEWS DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55 00					X		129,688	0	10,975
ANNE RICHARDSON DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55 00					X		126,916	0	13,308
MICHAEL MICHNER FINANCE MANAGER	55 00					X		125,329	0	31,942
WILBERT WATTS DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55 00					X		112,761	0	10,442

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization PUBLIC COUNSEL	Employer identification number 23-7105149
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Part I

Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

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A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____

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An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

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A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

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An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)

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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

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An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See**section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

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An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a

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Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b

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Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c

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Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d

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Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e

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Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f

Enter the number of supported organizations

g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)	9,300,993	8,382,118	8,797,035	10,447,264	11,275,889	48,203,299
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	9,300,993	8,382,118	8,797,035	10,447,264	11,275,889	48,203,299
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						786,618
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						47,416,681

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	9,300,993	8,382,118	8,797,035	10,447,264	11,275,889	48,203,299
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	365,067	350,417	162,028	101,150	90,410	1,069,072
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)	19,966	1,355,581	60,414	36,962	10,278	1,483,201
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						50,755,572

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Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)

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6,865,872

13

First five years.If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14	Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	93 420 %
15	Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	93 890 %

- 16a
- 33 1/3% support test—2015.If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- ☒
- b
- 33 1/3% support test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- ☐
- 17a
- 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- ☐
- b
- 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- ☐
- 18
- Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions
- ☐

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐

Part IV **Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

Part V

Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

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Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

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Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) ☐		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI Supplemental Information.

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization PUBLIC COUNSEL	Employer identification number 23-7105149
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$ _____
3	Volunteer hours	_____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	▶ \$ _____
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$ _____
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b	If "Yes," describe in Part IV	

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$ _____
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$ _____
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$ _____
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A

Check

☐

if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B

Check

☐

if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	1,360													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	22,993													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	24,353													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	11,801,033													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	11,825,386													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	741,269													
<table><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	185,317													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?														

☐ Yes

☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	651,082	663,072	730,607	741,269	2,786,030
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					4,179,045
c Total lobbying expenditures	24,305	33,956	25,672	24,353	108,286
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	162,771	165,768	182,652	185,317	696,508
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,044,762
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	863	2,768	2,304	1,360	7,295

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912.			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912.			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply) ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) ☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of open space ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
2	Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9	In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items
(i)	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$
(ii)	Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items
a	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	335,272	292,926	202,890	139,875	67,991
b Contributions	46,140	46,355	49,960	44,700	64,280
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	15,109	7,343	50,874	27,146	12,134
d Grants or scholarships	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	9,206	8,352	7,798	5,831	4,530
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	384,315	335,272	292,926	202,890	139,875

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

100 000 %

b

Permanent endowment

0 %

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

0 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

☐ Yes

☐ No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

☐ Yes

☐ No

4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a)Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c)Accumulated depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land		2,864,021		2,864,021
b Buildings		2,709,118	778,368	1,930,750
c Leasehold improvements		660,609	209,701	450,908
d Equipment		436,376	293,068	143,308
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				5,388,987

Schedule D (Form 990) 2015

Part I

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	14,680,872
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	158,995
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	307,950
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	233,711
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	700,656
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	13,980,216
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	23,184
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	23,184
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	14,003,400

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	12,343,863
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	307,950
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	233,711
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	541,661
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	11,802,202
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	23,184
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	23,184
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	11,825,386

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2	PUBLIC COUNSEL HAS EVALUATED ITS TAX POSITIONS PURSUANT TO ASC 740 AND DETERMINED IT HAS NOT TAKEN ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT TO OR DISCLOSURE IN ITS AUGUST 31, 2016, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments	EVENT EXPENSES 233,711

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

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

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Part I Fundraising Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a ☐ Mail solicitations

e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants

b ☐ Internet and email solicitations

f ☐ Solicitation of government grants

c ☐ Phone solicitations

g ☐ Special fundraising events

d ☐ In-person solicitations
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a)Event #1	(b)Event #2	(c)Other events	(d)
		DOUGLAS DINNER (event type)	RUN FOR JUSTICE (event type)	1 (total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	2,616,171	106,672	60,302	2,783,145
	2 Less Contributions	2,516,171	99,963	54,962	2,671,096
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	100,000	6,709	5,340	112,049
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes	153,955			153,955
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	100,000	6,709	5,340	112,049
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	190,536	9,667	21,460	221,663
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				487,667
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-375,618

Part III Gaming.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d)
					Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain _____

11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes

☐ No

12

Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

☐ Yes

☐ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility	13a	%
b	An outside facility	13b	%

14

Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$

c

If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16

Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17

Mandatory distributions

a

Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

Schedule I (Form 990) 2015

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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) SCHOLARSHIPS	1	10,500			

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

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 2	For scholarships, the recipients are selected based on objective criteria by the funding sources

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. ☒ Compensation committee ☒ Written employment contract ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Compensation survey or study ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	No
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	4c	No
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization?	5a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	5b	No
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization?	6a	No
b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	6b	No
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	7	No
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	8	No
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 SHARI BARTZ Vice President of Finance and Operat	(i)	154,028 -----	6,500 -----	0 -----	8,062 -----	15,016 -----	183,606 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 TRACY RICE VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT	(i)	148,388 -----	6,500 -----	0 -----	5,119 -----	12,090 -----	172,097 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 ELIZABETH BLUESTEIN VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	146,906 -----	6,500 -----	0 -----	7,785 -----	14,147 -----	175,338 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 MARK ROSENBAUM DIRECTING ATTORNEY	(i)	212,679 -----	0 -----	0 -----	1,436 -----	25,018 -----	239,133 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 MICHAEL MICHNER FINANCE MANAGER	(i)	125,329 -----	0 -----	0 -----	6,915 -----	25,027 -----	157,271 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

►Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.

► Attach to Form 990.

►Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
PUBLIC COUNSEL

Employer identification number
23-7105149

Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (AUCTION ITEMS)	X	321	153,955	RETAIL
26 Other ► (DONATED ATTORNEY HOURS)	X	130,000	0	
27 Other ► ()				
28 Other ► ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

30a

Yes

No

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

31

Yes

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

32a

Yes

b If "Yes," describe in Part II

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

33

Part II Supplemental Information.

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Column (b)	NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS TOTALING \$153,955, REPORTED ON SCHEDULE M, LINE 25, WERE COMPRISED OF 321 SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
Part I, Line 32b	A NON-CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SERVICE (KNOCKOUT PRODUCTIONS) PROVIDED SOLICITATION OF MEMORABILIA, HOTEL STAYS, WINES, ART WORK AND OTHER UNIQUE ITEMS FOR FUNDRAISING AUCTIONS. KNOCKOUT PRODUCTIONS NOT ONLY PROVIDED PUBLIC COUNSEL WITH UNIQUE AUCTION ITEMS, BUT THEY ALSO CATALOGUED AND STORED THE ITEMS, CREATED BID SHEETS AND DESCRIPTIONS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING OPENING BIDS AND MINIMUM RAISES FOR THE ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THEY PROVIDED A STAFF OF 6 PEOPLE TO SET-UP AND HANDLE THE SILENT AUCTION ON THE EVENING OF THE EVENT AS WELL AS ITEM DISTRIBUTION.
Part I, Line 33	PUBLIC COUNSEL RECEIVED FREE ACCESS TO TWO ONLINE LEGAL SERVICES. PUBLIC COUNSEL ALSO RECEIVED FREE EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES AND FREE OR DISCOUNTED COURT FILING, RESEARCH AND PROCESS SERVICES. PUBLIC COUNSEL WAS ALSO REPRESENTED ON A PRO BONO BASIS IN CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS. NO VALUE WAS REPORTED FOR THESE NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS AS DONATED SERVICES ARE NOT REPORTED FOR FORM 990 PURPOSES.

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.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 6	Line 6 explanation - PUBLIC COUNSEL HAS TWO MEMBERS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (LACBA) AND THE BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION (BHBA)
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 7a	Line 7a explanation - PUBLIC COUNSELS BYLAWS PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED BOARD MEMBERS IS 100 LACBA HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT 17 AND BHBA HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT 8 OF PUBLIC COUNSELS BOARD MEMBERS, WITH EACH SUCH APPOINTED MEMBER SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	Line 11a explanation - FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN INDEPENDENT CPA, REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY MANAGEMENT AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, AND SUBMITTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL A COPY OF THE FINAL FORM 990 IS THEN SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO IT BEING FILED
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS FURNISHED ANNUALLY TO EACH DIRECTOR, OFFICER, AND KEY EMPLOYEE THE FORMS ARE REVIEWED AND SIGNED WITH ANY CONFLICTS NOTED AND RETURNED TO A STAFF MEMBER WHO HANDLES BOARD AFFAIRS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S CEO, OTHER COMPENSATED OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES IS APPROVED BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AFTER CONSIDERATION OF COMPARABLE SALARIES PAID BY SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS AND ITS DECISIONS ARE CONTEMPORANEOUSLY DOCUMENTED
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO EXECUTIVE STAFF AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPON REQUEST FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, PUBLIC COUNSEL WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THESE DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW