

For calendar year 2016, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016, and ending 12-31-2016

Name of foundation THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ % ERIC SCHWARTZ		A Employer identification number 13-3157570	
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 10 GLENVILLE STREET 1ST FLOOR		Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) (203) 531-7480
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code GREENWICH, CT 06831		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ 29,563,408		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	
J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)			

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	0			
	2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities . . .	543,393	494,290		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	457,357			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____ 7,092,910				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) . . .		457,357		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances _____				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)	 576,561	576,561		
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	1,577,311	1,528,208		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0			
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	 164,099	94,269		69,830
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) . . .	 24,301	3,301		
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	10,839			10,839
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	 132,738	113,530		9,345
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	331,977	211,100		90,014
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,626,813			1,626,813
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,958,790	211,100		1,716,827
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-381,479			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		1,317,108		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)					

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	243,237	105,411	105,411
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	971,720	527,597	527,597
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)	4,623,359	4,851,874	4,900,531
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	9,051,256	9,145,310	11,757,612
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)	2,199,562	2,191,069	2,166,914
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)	7,546,464	7,433,147	8,248,095
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	1,763,683	1,763,394	1,857,248	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	26,399,281	26,017,802	29,563,408	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule).			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	26,399,281	26,017,802	
30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	26,399,281	26,017,802		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	26,399,281	26,017,802		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances		
1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	26,399,281
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-381,479
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	26,017,802
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 .	6	26,017,802

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

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

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 21,086		22,068	-982
b 299,133		238,780	60,353
c 53,400		36,822	16,578
d 6,524,336		6,337,883	186,453
e			35,301

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a			-982
b			60,353
c			16,578
d			186,453
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	2	457,357
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2015	1,493,874	30,335,578	0 049245
2014	1,306,901	30,618,788	0 042683
2013	1,101,824	27,808,435	0 039622
2012	876,951	2,572,763	0 34086
2011	562,255	2,687,686	0 209197

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0 681607
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0 136321
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5	4	29,176,011
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	3,977,303
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	13,171
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	3,990,474
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	1,716,827

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See the Part VI instructions

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	26,342
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	26,342
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	26,342
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016	6a	23,997
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	13,500
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	37,497
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed ▶	9	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid ▶	10	11,155
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2017 estimated tax ▶ 11,155 Refunded ▶	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a	No
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities</i>	1b	No
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c	No
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ▶ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ▶ \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ \$ _____		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>	2	No
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3	No
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b	
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>	5	No
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	7	Yes
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ▶ NY _____		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i> .	8b	Yes
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2016 or the taxable year beginning in 2016 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9	No
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	10	No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12	Yes	
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address <u>www.common sensefund.org</u>	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of <u>ERIC SCHWARTZ</u> Telephone no <u>(203) 531-7480</u>			

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15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <u>15</u>		
16	At any time during calendar year 2016, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <u>▶</u>	16	Yes No

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		Yes	No
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? ☐ Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ☐	1b		
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016? ☐	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2016, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2016? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years <u>▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____</u>			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions). ☐	2b		No
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <u>▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____</u>			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2016 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2016). ☐	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016?	4b		No

5a	During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to			
	(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
	(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
	(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
	(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).	☐ Yes ☒ No		
	(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?	☐ Yes ☒ No	5b	
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.	☐		
c	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
	<i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)</i>			
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	☐ Yes ☒ No	6b	No
	<i>If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870</i>			
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	☐ Yes ☒ No	7b	

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances

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

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)
3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
BENEFACTORY PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS LLC	ADVISORY FEES	59,420
229 KENYON STREET		
HARTFORD, CT 06105		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services. ▶		

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	26,851,938
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	913,566
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	1,854,812
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	29,620,316
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	29,620,316
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	444,305
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4.	5	29,176,011
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	1,458,801

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	1,458,801
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	26,342
b	Income tax for 2016 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	26,342
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	1,432,459
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	1,432,459
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	1,432,459

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	1,716,827
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes.	2	0
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	0
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	0
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4.	4	1,716,827
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions).	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	1,716,827

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2015	(c) 2015	(d) 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI, line 7				1,432,459
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
a Enter amount for 2015 only.			0	
b Total for prior years 2014, 2013, 2012		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016				
a From 2011. 429,596				
b From 2012. 748,897				
c From 2013.				
d From 2014.				
e From 2015.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	1,178,493			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>1,716,827</u>				
a Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a			0	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).				
d Applied to 2016 distributable amount.				1,432,459
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	284,368			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	1,462,861			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2017				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).	429,596			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	1,033,265			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2012. 748,897				
b Excess from 2013.				
c Excess from 2014.				
d Excess from 2015.				
e Excess from 2016. 284,368				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2016, enter the date of the ruling. ▶

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

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2016	(b) 2015	(c) 2014	(d) 2013	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed.					
c "Support" alternative test—enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))
NONE

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest
NONE

◀ ▶

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☒ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

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

c Any submission deadlines

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

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	1,626,813
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

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Part XVII

- | | Yes | No |
|-------|-----|----|
| 1a(1) | | No |
| 1a(2) | | No |
| 1b(1) | | No |
| 1b(2) | | No |
| 1b(3) | | No |
| 1b(4) | | No |
| 1b(5) | | No |
| 1b(6) | | No |
| 1c | | No |

[illegible]

- 2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- b** If "Yes," complete the following schedule

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

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

**Sign
Here**

* * * * *

Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

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

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

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

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
SCHWAB CHARITABLE FUND 211 Main Street San Francisco, CA 94105	NONE		Contribution to a donor-advised fund account	151,000
UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS 2 BRATTLE SQUARE CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	NONE		To support the mission of the Union of Concerned Scientists to put rigorous, independent science to work to solve our planet's most pressing problems Joining with citizens across the country by combining technical analysis and effective advocacy to create innovative, practical solutions for a healthy, safe, and sustainable future	50,000
CLAY ART CENTER 40 BEECH STREET PORT CHESTER, NY 10573	NONE		To support the organization in advancing its mission of growing the education, exhibitions, Artist Residency and outreach programs, which are all focused "to kindle a passion for the ceramic arts and to provide a sharing community for that passion to flourish "	50,000
American Friends Of The Heschel Center 2419 Jf Kennedy Blvd jersey city, NJ 07304	NONE		TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION'S Herschel Center for Sustainability	75,000
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE RON-SHULAMIT CONSERVATORY PO BOX 43179 JERUSALEM, ISRAEL 91431 IS	NONE		TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MUSIC EDUCATION AS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN EDUCATION	50,000
Total ► 3a				1,626,813

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
COLAB THEATER GROUP PO Box 727 NEW YORK, NY 10011			TO ENABLE THE ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES A CREATIVE AND SOCIAL OUTLET THROUGH THEATER ARTS	50,000
Judy Dworin Performance Project 233 PEARL ST HARTFORD, CT 06103			TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION that the arts can be a powerful agent for SOCIAL change PROGRAMS INCLUDE HAVING teaching artists engage in continuing multi-arts collaborative performance projects with the women INCARCERATED IN PRISON, in school and after school innovative arts and enrichment programs provided for children and high school students with incarcerated parents, a special arts weekend retreat offered at York Correctional Institution for women residents, their children and caregivers, and more	55,000
MUSIC HAVEN PO BOX 207332 NEW HAVEN, CT 06520			TO SUPPORT THE Music Havens mission WHICH is to use a string quartet to build a vibrant urban community through performance and music education that empowers young people, their families, and professional musicians	50,000
TOXICS ACTION CENTER 44 WINTER STREET BOSTON, MA 02108	NONE		To support the organization's mission TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	35,000
CONSERVATION LAW FOUNDATION 62 SUMMER STREET BOSTON, MA 02110	NONE		To support the organization's mission to Use law, economics and science to solve the environmental problems that threaten the people, natural resources and communities of New England	50,000
Total ► 3a				1,626,813

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a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
GIRL BE HEARD 80 E 11TH STREET SUITE 301A NEW YORK, NY 10003	NONE		To support the organization's use of theater as a vehicle to empower young women to become brave, confident, socially conscious leaders and explore their own challenging circumstances	50,000
NATURAL CAPITALISM SOLUTIONS 11823 N 75th St Longmont, CO 80503	NONE		to educate senior decision-makers in business, government and civil society about the principles of sustainability	100,000
CAMBODIAN LIVING ARTS 202 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738	NONE		To support the mission of Cambodian Living Arts to facilitate the transformation of Cambodia through the arts The organization works in collaboration with others to create an environment where Cambodian arts empower and transform individuals and communities encouraging the growth of artists and the arts community, by promoting awareness of the arts, and by advocating for the arts with cultural policymakers and major institutions In doing so, we aim to create value and understanding of what it means to be Cambodian and to create a sense of unity and shared culture We believe that through creativity we can each expand our potential as human beings	100,000
PEF ISRAEL ENDOWMENT FUND 317 MADISON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	NONE		TO ENABLE THE ORGANIZATION'S DIRECT DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO SELECTED AND APPROVED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN ISRAEL	45,000
CONNECTICUT FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT 900 Chapel Street Upper Mezzanine New Haven, CT 06510	NONE		To support the organization's mission to protect and improve the land, air, and water of Connecticut and Long Island Sound	50,000
Total ► 3a				1,626,813

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a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
CONNECTICUT PUBLIC BROADCASTING 1049 ASYLUM AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06105	NONE		TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATION's EFFORTS TO SERVE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WITH A MIX OF EDUCATIONAL, NEW, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, CHILDREN'S, AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES	50,000
GLASSROOTS 10 Bleeker Stree Newark, NJ 07102	NONE		To support the organization's mission to empower NJ residents of all ages to think creatively and realize new visions of their futures through the art of glassmaking renowned for excellence in collaborative programming, GlassRoots presents high quality, rigorous, innovative, relevant, and diverse programming that both reflects and expands the communitys interests	40,000
UNIFIED THEATER INC 15 LEWIS STREET SUITE 207 HARTFORD, CT 06103	NONE		To support Unified Theater's mission to dissolve typical barriers between youth through transformative, school based performing arts programming At Unified Theater, young people with and without disabilities, of all backgrounds, come together as equals to put on a production The production is entirely organized, written, and directed by the students themselves In over sixty schools across the country over 6,000 students with and without disabilities have performed to almost 10,000 audience members The concept is simple let teens lead, let creativity rule, and put the Spotlight on Ability	36,000
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF YEDIDIM 16133 VENTURA BLVD ENCINO, CA 91436	NONE		To support American Friends of Yedidim's mission TO INCREASE AWARENESS & RAISE FUNDS FOR YEDIDIM IS ISRAEL	50,000
ACADIA CENTER 21 Oak Street Suite 202 Hartford, CT 06106	NONE		To support the organization's committment to build clean, low carbon and consumer friendly economies characterized by reliable information, comprehensive advocacy and problem solving through innovation and collaboration	75,000
Total ► 3a				1,626,813

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
NEO PHILANTHROPY 45 W 36th St 6th Floor NEW YORK, NY 10018	NONE		To support the organization's mission to increase funding for cutting-edge strategies that advance social change and promoting leadership to achieve a vision of justice and dignity for all	50,000
CLEAN WATER FUND 1444 I Street NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20005	NONE		To support the organization's mission to develop strong grassroots environmental leadership and to bring together diverse constituencies to work cooperatively for changes that improve their lives, focused on health, consumer, environmental and community problems	25,000
Artists Striving to End Poverty 165 W 46TH STREET SUITE 1303 NEW YORK, NY 10036	NONE		To support ASTEP's mission to connect performing and visual artists with underserved youth in the U S and around the world to awaken their imaginations, foster critical thinking, and help them break the cycle of poverty	15,000
BEIT Hashem Nehalech INC (USA) 2030 EAST 14TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11229	NONE		GENERAL OPERATING	50,000
CHARTER OAK CULTURAL CENTER 21 Charter Oak Ave HARTFORD, CT 06106	NONE		GENERAL OPERATING	20,000
Total ► 3a				1,626,813

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Eastern CT State University 83 WINDHAM ST WILLIMANTIC, CT 06226	NONE		GENERAL OPERATING	51,000
Groundswell 540 President Street Suite 1A BROOKLYN, NY 11215	NONE		To support Groundswell's mission to bring together youth, artists, and community organizations to use art as a tool for social change, for a more just and equitable world Groundswell's projects beautify neighborhoods, engage youth in societal and personal transformation, and give expression to ideas and perspectives that are underrepresented in the public dialogue	35,000
Hartford Performs 75 Charter Oak Ave Bld 1 Ste 208 HARTFORD, CT 06106	NONE		To support Hartford Performs mission to bring visiting artists into Hartford Public Schools to teach curriculum in creative new ways The organization takes Hartford kids out to area arts organizations to ensure they experience professional dance, music, theater and museums And we provide Hartford teachers with professional-learning programs that help them use art techniques in their classrooms to help kids learn and develop Almost 14,000 students in all 32 PreK-Grade 8 public schools in Hartford benefit from our system each year	30,000
Lost Lights Project 475 Riverside Drive Suite 900 New York, NY 10115	NONE		GENERAL OPERATING	100,000
Stutterin Association for the Young 247 West 37th Street 5th Floor New York, NY 10018	NONE		To support Stutterin Association for the young's mission to build a community of acceptance where young people who stutter gain confidence and communication skills through summer camp, speech therapy, and creative expression	25,000
Total ► 3a				1,626,813

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Sustainable Jersey 2000 Pennington Rd Ewing, NJ 08628	NONE		To support Sustainable Jersey's mission to provide tools, training and financial incentives to support communities as they pursue sustainability programs By supporting community efforts to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve environmental equity, Sustainable Jersey is empowering communities to build a better world for future generations	13,813
Total 				1,626,813
3a				

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TY 2016 Depreciation Schedule

Name: THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC

C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570

TY 2016 Investments Corporate Bonds Schedule

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

EIN: 13-3157570

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
BONDS	2,191,069	2,166,914

TY 2016 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

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

EIN: 13-3157570

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
EQUITIES	9,145,310	11,757,612

TY 2016 Investments Government Obligations Schedule

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

EIN: 13-3157570

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

654,262

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

643,803

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

4,197,612

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

4,256,728

TY 2016 Investments - Other Schedule

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

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
INVESTMENT IN 500 STARTUPS II	AT COST	396,897	396,897
INVESTMENT IN BRANT POINT INTL	AT COST	4,000,000	4,222,640
HEDGE FUNDS	AT COST	1,277,380	1,598,446
PRIVATE EQUITIES	AT COST	1,416,210	1,739,134
REIT'S	AT COST	169,180	160,629
COMMODITIES	AT COST	83,658	40,527
INVESTMENT IN PILOT 103 LLC	AT COST	89,822	89,822

TY 2016 Other Assets Schedule

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

EIN: 13-3157570

Other Assets Schedule

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
INVESTMENT IN LIFE INSURANCE	1,760,958	1,760,958	1,854,812
DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST REC	2,725	2,436	2,436

TY 2016 Other Expenses Schedule

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

EIN: 13-3157570

Other Expenses Schedule

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
NYS FILING FEES	750			750
DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	5,000			5,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	1,228			1,228
INSURANCE	1,867			1,867
MISCELLANEOUS INVESTMENT FEES	1,810	1,810		
DEDUCTIONS FROM K-1 SCHEDULE	121,583	111,720		
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	500			500

TY 2016 Other Income Schedule**Name:** THE COMMON SENSE FUND INC

C/O ERIC SCHWARTZ

EIN: 13-3157570**Other Income Schedule**

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
SECURITY LITIGATION FEES	271	271	
LOSS THRU SCHEDULE K-1'S	-23,710	-23,710	
BRANT POINT FUND INTERNATIONAL	600,000	600,000	

TY 2016 Other Professional Fees Schedule

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

EIN: 13-3157570

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ADVISORY FEES	69,830			69,830
INVESTMENT FEES	94,269	94,269		

TY 2016 Taxes Schedule

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

EIN: 13-3157570

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FEDERAL TAXES	21,000			
FOREIGN TAX EXPENSE	2,495	2,495		
FOREIGN TAX EXPENSE THRU K-1'S	806	806		