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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/form990

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

Open to Public Inspection

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

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final

☒ Return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

PRO PUBLICA INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite

155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS NO 13 FL

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

NEW YORK, NY 10013

F Name and address of principal officer

RICHARD J TOFEL

155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS NO 13 FL

NEW YORK, NY 10013

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀(insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW PROPUBLICA ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation 2007

M State of legal domicile DE

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

TO EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST - SEE "SCHEDULE O" FOR CONTINUATIONBY GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, USING THE MORAL FORCE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TO SPUR REFORM THROUGH THE SUSTAINED SPOTLIGHTING OF WRONGDOING

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)

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶578,537

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

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

Signature of officer

RICHARD J TOFEL PRESIDENT

Type or print name and title

2017-08-21

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

GARRETT M HIGGINS

Preparer's signature

GARRETT M HIGGINS

Date

2017-08-21

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

P00543209

Firm's name ▶ PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 27-1728945

Firm's address ▶ 665 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, NY 10022

Phone no (212) 286-2600

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Form 990 (2016)

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

PRO PUBLICA IS AN INDEPENDENT, NON-PROFIT, PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING NEWSROOM THAT PRODUCES INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST. OUR WORK FOCUSES EXCLUSIVELY ON TRULY IMPORTANT STORIES. SEE "SCHEDULE O" FOR CONTINUATION. WE PRODUCE JOURNALISM THAT SHINES A LIGHT ON EXPLOITATION OF THE WEAK BY THE STRONG AND ON THE FAILURES OF THOSE WITH POWER TO VINDICATE THE TRUST PLACED IN THEM. IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF AMERICAN JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE, WE AIM TO STIMULATE POSITIVE CHANGE, UNCOVERING UNSAVORY PRACTICES AND ABUSES OF POWER IN ORDER TO PRODUCE REFORM. WE DO THIS IN AN ENTIRELY NON-PARTISAN AND NON-IDEOLOGICAL MANNER, ADHERING TO THE STRICTEST STANDARDS OF JOURNALISTIC IMPARTIALITY. OUR STATED MISSION IS "TO EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST BY GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, USING THE MORAL FORCE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TO SPUR REFORM THROUGH THE SUSTAINED SPOTLIGHTING OF WRONGDOING."

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 \$ 11,393,913	including grants of \$ 22,600	(Revenue \$ 413,555)
See Additional Data				

4b	(Code)	(Expenses \$	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$)
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4c	(Code)	(Expenses \$	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$)
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4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)	(Expenses \$	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$)
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4e	Total program service expenses	11,393,913
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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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10	No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	Yes	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		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	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck 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	56
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	
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	75
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	Yes
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	Yes
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 <input type="text"/> 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	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
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		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
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?		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?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
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?		No
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	Yes	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	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.		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?		No
10b	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?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
11b	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.	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done.	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official.	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization.	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?		No
16b	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?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: DC, AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI

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.
 ▶STEPHANIE N LITTLE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES 155 AVE OF THE AMERICAS NO 13 FL NEW YORK, NY 10013 (212) 514-5250

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****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 all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

(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			
(1) HERBERT M SANDLER FOUNDING CHAIRMAN	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) PAUL E STEIGER EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	30 00	X		X				198,560	0	13,253
(3) MARK COLODNY DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) HENRY LOUIS GATES JR DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(5) CLAIRE HOFFMAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) ROBERT CS MONKS DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) RONALD OLSON DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) PAUL SAGAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) S DONALD SUSSMAN DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) KAT TAYLOR DIRECTOR	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) TOM UNTERMAN DIRECTOR THUR 12/6/16	1 00	X						0	0	0
(12) RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT AND CO-EXECUTIVE	40 00			X				385,630	0	33,747
(13) STEPHEN ENGELBERG EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & CO-EXECU	40 00			X				378,061	0	60,315
(14) RAGAN RHYNE VICE PRESIDENT, DEVELOPMENT	40 00				X			200,963	0	10,804
(15) ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	40 00					X		249,465	0	18,538
(16) JEFFREY GERTH SENIOR REPORTER THUR 12/31/16	40 00					X		228,876	0	9,794
(17) TRACY WEBER SENIOR EDITOR	40 00					X		208,845	0	30,748

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(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			
(18) JOSEPH SEXTON SENIOR EDITOR	40 00					X		207,418	0	33,644
(19) CHARLES ORNSTEIN SENIOR REPORTER	40 00					X		200,436	0	46,435
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								2,258,254	0	257,278

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 ► 37

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	Yes	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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
DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP 1201 THIRD AVE SUITE 2200 SEATTLE, WA 98101	LEGAL SERVICES	144,440

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 ► 1

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck 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				
	b Membership dues . . .	1b				
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	13,765,153			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____	154,188				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		13,765,153			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
	2a PROGRAM SERVICE FEES		519130	340,000	340,000	
	b _____					
	c _____					
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		340,000			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		2,208			2,208
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties		176,712	73,555		103,157
			(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
	6a Gross rents					
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
			(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		74,091			
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		74,800			
	c Gain or (loss)		-709			
	d Net gain or (loss)		-709			-709
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		a			
	b Less direct expenses		b			
	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 REIMBURSEMENTS OF LEGAL SETTLEMENT		900099	218,464			218,464
b HONORARIUMS REVENUE		900099	26,750			26,750
c ADVERTISING REVENUE		541800	16,943		16,943	
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			262,157			
12 Total revenue. See Instructions			14,545,521	413,555	16,943	349,870

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.	22,600	22,600		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	1,281,333	650,189	419,377	211,767
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.	7,173,056	6,363,367	681,842	127,847
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	278,732	253,510	24,359	863
9 Other employee benefits.	809,978	697,529	84,056	28,393
10 Payroll taxes.	562,079	492,736	61,344	7,999
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	260,417	26,664	219,893	13,860
c Accounting.	31,843	24,520	4,258	3,065
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	333,128	331,109	1,550	469
12 Advertising and promotion.	43,019		43,019	
13 Office expenses.	227,410	121,933	20,226	85,251
14 Information technology.	468,128	366,467	56,320	45,341
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	1,202,163	1,063,952	118,099	20,112
17 Travel.	562,941	527,407	12,557	22,977
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	65,305	51,578	8,136	5,591
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	146,077	134,339	11,738	
23 Insurance.	12,782	11,104	1,678	
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 PUBLIC REC COP & SUBS	177,792	159,417	13,373	5,002
b REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	62,266	55,120	7,146	
c RECRUITMENT & PROF DEVE	42,332	40,372	1,960	
d UBIT TAX EXPENSE	3,500		3,500	
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	13,766,881	11,393,913	1,794,431	578,537
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 <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		1,733,727	1	1,859,303	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		3,408,243	2	6,437,096	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		5,821,936	3	3,532,817	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		1,108	4	3,167	
	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		171,397	9	123,519	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	2,212,883			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	1,824,402	408,871	10c	388,481
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		2,522	11	80,883	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12		
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13		
	14	Intangible assets			14		
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		4,260	15	4,260	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		11,552,064	16	12,429,526		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		136,734	17	110,074	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue		148,703	19	274,185	
	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		285,437	26	384,259	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets		2,792,399	27	6,555,625	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		8,474,228	28	5,489,642	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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		11,266,627	33	12,045,267		
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		11,552,064	34	12,429,526		

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	14,545,521
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	13,766,881
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	778,640
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	11,266,627
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
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	12,045,267

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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 (2016)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST - SEE SCHEDULE O FOR DETAILS

SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)	Public Charity Status and Public Support 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 .	OMB No 1545-0047 2016 Open to Public Inspection
	Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization PRO PUBLICA INC	Employer identification number 14-2007220

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 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ 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 _____
- 5 ☐ 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)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☒ 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)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university _____
- 10 ☐ 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)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ 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 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **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 ☐ **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 ☐ **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 ☐ **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 ☐ 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- 10 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, 8, or 9 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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant.")	10,920,019	13,678,241	10,169,976	16,882,164	13,765,153	65,415,553
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	10,920,019	13,678,241	10,169,976	16,882,164	13,765,153	65,415,553
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)						22,156,664
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						43,258,889
Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	10,920,019	13,678,241	10,169,976	16,882,164	13,765,153	65,415,553
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	17,146	51,381	47,898	23,875	105,365	245,665
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	8,465	11,842	12,775	10,286	8,230	51,598
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	2,927	10,100	23,379	10,092	245,214	291,712
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						66,004,528
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	585,055
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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage						
14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))					14	65.540 %
15 Public support percentage for 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14					15	58.450 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2016. 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 ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
b 33 1/3% support test—2015. 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. 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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
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 ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(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 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2016. 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—2015. 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 12 of Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d 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>	1	
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>	2	
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>	3a	
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>	3b	
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>	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>	4a	
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>	4b	
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>	4c	
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>	5a	
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?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) 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>	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>	7	
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 I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>	8	
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>	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) 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>	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>	10a	
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>	10b	

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
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>		
11a		
11b		
11c		

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>		
1		
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>		
2		

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>		
1		

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, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
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>		
2		
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>		
3		

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 <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> 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>		
2a		
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>		
2b		
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? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		
3b		

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

- 1** ☐ 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.

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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2016 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-2016	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016			
a			
b			
c From 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2016 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b Excess from 2013.			
c Excess from 2014.			
d Excess from 2015.			
e Excess from 2016.			

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

990 Schedule A, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION OF OTHER INCOME	HONORARIUMS REVENUE - 2012 AMOUNT \$ 2,827 2013 AMOUNT \$ 10,100 2014 AMOUNT \$ 23,379 2015 AMOUNT \$ 10,092 2016 AMOUNT \$ 26,750 OTHER REVENUE - 2012 AMOUNT \$ 100 REIMBURS EMENTS OF LEGAL DEFENSE EXPENSES - 2016 AMOUNT \$ 218,464



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<div>SCHEDULE D (Form 990)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div>		<div>Supplemental Financial Statements</div> <div>► 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.</div> <div>Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.</div>			<div>OMB No 1545-0047</div> <div>2016</div> <div>Open to Public Inspection</div>
Name of the organization PRO PUBLICA INC				Employer identification number 14-2007220	
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?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space				
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	Held at the End of the Year			
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2a			
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2b			
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2c			
		2d			
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?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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)?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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				► \$
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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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	(c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

b

Permanent endowment

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

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' on 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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		140,403	29,808	110,595
d Equipment		840,562	710,141	130,421
e Other		1,231,918	1,084,453	147,465
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				388,481

Part VII

Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.
See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

Part VIII

Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c.
See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX

Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15)	

Part X

Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.
See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

☒

Part XI 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	14,327,057
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	14,327,057
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	218,464
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	218,464
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	14,545,521

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	13,548,417
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	13,548,417
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	218,464
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	218,464
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	13,766,881

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
See Additional Data Table	

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

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

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Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZES THE EFFECT OF INCOME TAX POSITIONS ONLY IF THOSE POSITIONS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT OF BEING SUSTAINED MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE THE ORGANIZATION IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO AUDITS BY THE APPLICABLE TAXING JURISDICTIONS FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO 2013

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	REIMBURSEMENTS OF LEGAL DEFENSE EXPENSES REPORTED ON PART VIII 218,464

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	REIMBURSEMENTS OF LEGAL DEFENSE EXPENSES REPORTED ON PART VIII 218,464

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Schedule I
(Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States
Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

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) STIPEND	13	22,600			
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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	<p>PROPUBICA PROVIDES STIPENDS TO INDIVIDUALS. STIPEND PAYMENTS REPRESENT A FORM OF GRANT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS IN VARIOUS PROPUBICA OUTREACH PROGRAMS. PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAMS ARE SELECTED VIA COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS IN WHICH THE APPLICANTS ARE CHOSEN BASED ON THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND CAREER PROSPECTS IN THE FIELD OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM. FUNDING IS OFTEN PROVIDED AS A PART OF A GRANT RECEIVED BY PROPUBICA. IN SUCH INSTANCES, THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE AND MAY INFORM THE STIPEND PAYMENT PROCESS. IF THE FUNDING IS PROVIDED THROUGH PROPUBICA'S GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET, FUNDING AVAILABILITY IS DETERMINED BASED ON OVERALL BUDGETARY CONCERNS. BASED ON THESE PARAMETERS, PROGRAM DIRECTORS DETERMINE WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS APPLY - ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE EQUAL STIPEND AMOUNTS - ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE SOME STIPEND, WITH THE AWARD AMOUNT VARYING BASED ON DETERMINATION OF NEED - SOME PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE STIPENDS, WITH THE AWARD AMOUNT VARYING BASED ON DETERMINATION OF NEED. IN THIS INSTANCE, APPLICANTS MUST APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE AS A SEPARATE PROCEDURE FROM THE GENERAL APPLICATION PROCESS AND ARE NOTIFIED THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE BASED ON GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING: 1) EXPLICITLY ANSWER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. 2) PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THAT THEY ARE REQUESTING BASED ON PRE-DETERMINED FUND AVAILABILITY. 3) EXPLAIN HOW THE FUNDING WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM WHEN THEY OTHERWISE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO. IF THE CASE IS COMPELLING, THE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED UP TO THE LIMITS OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE. IF THE EXPLANATION OF NEED INCLUDES THE COST OF EXPENSES THAT ARE ALREADY COVERED FOR ALL ATTENDEES, THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT MAY BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DATA INSTITUTE PROGRAM COVERS THE COST OF LODGING AND TRAVEL FOR ALL ATTENDEES. IF LODGING/TRAVEL ARE INCLUDED IN THE EXPLANATION OF NEED, THE AMOUNT AWARDED MAY BE REDUCED. WHEN FUNDING IS PROVIDED VIA PASS-THROUGH GRANTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, MONITORING OF FUND USAGE AND FOLLOW-UP ARE BASED UPON ONGOING VERBAL DIALOGUE, GRANT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND WRITTEN GRANT REPORTS PROVIDED TO GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AT THE END OF THE GRANT PERIOD. WHEN FUNDING IS PROVIDED THROUGH GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET DESIGNATION, PROPUBICA MAINTAINS RECORDS OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING AND BENEFITTING FROM GRANT FUNDS, INCLUDING COMPLETED W-9 FORMS. AS THESE GRANTS ARE NEED-BASED, SUCH FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE.</p>

Schedule J (Form 990)	Compensation Information		OMB No 1545-0047
	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.		2016
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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.				
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> 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.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	Yes
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 PAUL E STEIGER EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	(i)	195,890 -----	0 -----	2,670 -----	10,000 -----	3,253 -----	211,813 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
2 RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT AND CO-EXECUTIVE	(i)	383,850 -----	0 -----	1,780 -----	13,250 -----	20,497 -----	419,377 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
3 STEPHEN ENGELBERG EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & CO-EXECU	(i)	376,281 -----	0 -----	1,780 -----	13,250 -----	47,065 -----	438,376 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
4 RAGAN RHYNE VICE PRESIDENT, DEVELOPMENT	(i)	200,590 -----	0 -----	373 -----	10,100 -----	704 -----	211,767 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
5 ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	(i)	248,844 -----	0 -----	621 -----	6,250 -----	12,288 -----	268,003 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
6 JEFFREY GERTH SENIOR REPORTER THUR 12/31/16	(i)	168,250 -----	0 -----	60,626 -----	8,450 -----	1,344 -----	238,670 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
7 TRACY WEBER SENIOR EDITOR	(i)	207,893 -----	0 -----	952 -----	10,738 -----	20,010 -----	239,593 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
8 JOSEPH SEXTON SENIOR EDITOR	(i)	205,638 -----	0 -----	1,780 -----	10,725 -----	22,919 -----	241,062 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----
9 CHARLES ORNSTEIN SENIOR REPORTER	(i)	200,022 -----	0 -----	414 -----	10,750 -----	35,685 -----	246,871 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----	0 -----

See Additional Data Table

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
PART I, LINE 4A	PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MR. JEFFREY GERTH'S SEVERANCE AGREEMENT, PRO PUBLICA PAID A SEVERANCE PAYMENT TO MR. JEFFREY GERTH DURING 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,500. THIS PAYMENT WAS TREATED AS TAXABLE COMPENSATION TO THE RECIPIENT.

Additional Data

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Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(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				
1PAUL E STEIGER EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN	(i)	195,890	0	2,670	10,000	3,253	211,813	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1RICHARD TOFEL PRESIDENT AND CO-EXECUTIVE	(i)	383,850	0	1,780	13,250	20,497	419,377	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2STEPHEN ENGELBERG EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & CO-EXECU	(i)	376,281	0	1,780	13,250	47,065	438,376	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3RAGAN RHYNE VICE PRESIDENT, DEVELOPMENT	(i)	200,590	0	373	10,100	704	211,767	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4ROBIN FIELDS MANAGING EDITOR	(i)	248,844	0	621	6,250	12,288	268,003	0
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5JEFFREY GERTH SENIOR REPORTER THUR 12/31/16	(i)	168,250	0	60,626	8,450	1,344	238,670	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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8CHARLES ORNSTEIN SENIOR REPORTER	(i)	200,022	0	414	10,750	35,685	246,871	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Noncash Contributions

►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

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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 .	X	40	154,188	FMV
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 ► ()				
26 Other ► ()				
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

0

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

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

No

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

32a

No

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

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)	THE ORGANIZATION IS REPORTING THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS IN PART 1, COLUMN (B) OF SCHEDULE M

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>	Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ. ▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990 .		OMB No 1545-0047
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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A	<p>A KEY ASPECT OF PROPUBLICA'S BUSINESS MODEL IS OUR FUNDING, WHICH COMES ALMOST ENTIRELY FROM PHILANTHROPY. INCREASINGLY, READERS POWER OUR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM - NOT CORPORATIONS, POLITICIANS OR ADVOCACY GROUPS - AND THEY DONATE BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE OUR WORK CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR DEMOCRACY AND CIVIC LIFE. THERE IS PERHAPS NO GREATER INDICATION OF THE STRENGTH OF THIS RELATIONSHIP THAN THE BURST OF CONTRIBUTIONS THAT FOLLOWED THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. HOURS AFTER THE RESULTS WERE CLEAR, SMALL DONORS ACROSS THE COUNTRY BEGAN CLICKING OUR ONLINE "DONATE" BUTTON. IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, ENVELOPES WITH CHECKS BEGAN TRICKLING INTO PROPUBLICA'S OFFICE, FROM \$5 GIFTS TO AMOUNTS IN THE HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS. MANY SHARED WITH US WHY THEY FELT MOVED NOW TO SUPPORT PROPUBLICA BY TAKING ACTION ON ITS BEHALF - "I'VE BEEN A FAN FOR A FEW YEARS," WROTE DKW FROM GEORGIA. "THE STORIES ARE ALWAYS DEEP - SOMETIMES LONGER THAN I THINK I HAVE TIME FOR - BUT EVERY TIME I READ ONE I'M SO GRATEFUL YOU'RE DOING THE WORK YOU DO IN THE WAY YOU DO IT. I SHOULD HAVE GIVEN SOONER, BUT THE ELECTION HAS BEEN A WAKEUP CALL THAT I NEED TO HELP SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS THAT RESEARCH AND REPORT, AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT I TRUST." - "I DONATED A MODEST DONATION TO YOUR NEWS ORGANIZATION BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THE NEWS OF THE 21ST CENTURY MUST BE SUPPORTED BY AVERAGE AMERICANS," WROTE DYLAN FROM KENTUCKY. "TODAY'S MAJOR NEWS ORGANIZATIONS ARE SELLING A PRODUCT WITH FEWER AND FEWER INDIVIDUALS BUYING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES, THE INCENTIVE TO PRODUCE HARD-HITTING JOURNALISM BECOMES LESS INTENSE." - "I BELIEVE IN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AND THE FOURTH ESTATE," WROTE CINDY FROM WYOMING. "BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, I GIVE TODAY BECAUSE I AM HORRIFIED BY THE ELECTION AND THE THREATS TRUMP HAS MADE AGAINST JOURNALISM, JOURNALISTS, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. IF MY SMALL DONATION CAN HELP BE PART OF A LARGER SUM THAT MAKES AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT TODAY, THEN PLEASE LET IT DO SO. THE MOMENTUM OF GIVING ACCELERATED AFTER HBO'S JOHN OLIVER MENTIONED PROPUBLICA IN HIS SMALL LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS WORTHY OF SUPPORT IN THE COMING YEARS. BY YEAR-END, SMALLER GIFTS HAD COME FROM ABOUT 26,000 DONORS, AND AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$2.9 MILLION DOLLARS. WE UNDERSTAND THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT COMES WITH THIS GENEROSITY - ONE PROPUBLICA WILL MEET BY EXPANDING OUR STAFF AND EXTENDING OUR ABILITY TO CALL OUT ABUSES AND HOLD THOSE IN POWER TO ACCOUNT THROUGH PAINSTAKING AND FEARLESS ACCOUNTABILITY JOURNALISM. PROTECTING THE VOTE IN 2016, WE SERVED OUR READERS WITH ABUNDING EXAMPLES OF THIS KIND OF WORK, PARTICULARLY RELATING TO THE ELECTION - BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER. IN OUR MOST WIDE-RANGING COLLABORATION YET, PROPUBLICA ORGANIZED ELECTIONLAND, A NATIONAL REPORTING INITIATIVE THAT REVEALED VOTERS' EXPERIENCES IN REAL TIME. WORKING WITH GOOGLE NEWS LAB, UNIVISION, WNYC, FIRST DRAFT, THE USA TODAY NETWORK AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, WE</p>

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A	<p>E USED CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL MEDIA NEWSGATHERING AND NATIONAL DATA FROM A NONPARTISAN LEGAL CALL CENTER TO FIND PROBLEMS THAT WOULD PREVENT CITIZENS FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE. WE DID THIS WITH A TEAM OF MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE, INCLUDING ABOUT 600 JOURNALISM SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO PORED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTS AND UPWARD OF 400 LOCAL JOURNALISTS ACROSS 50 STATES WHO SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE AND REPORT ON TIPS WE RECEIVED. ELECTIONLAND, WHICH LAUNCHED DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD, GAVE US AN UNPRECEDENTED REAL-TIME UNDERSTANDING OF VOTING IN THE UNITED STATES. FROM PROBLEMS WITH HOURS-LONG LINES IN CALIFORNIA TO MISINFORMATION ABOUT VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS IN TEXAS, THE PROJECT ALLOWED US TO PUBLISH MORE THAN 400 STORIES WHILE POLLS WERE STILL OPEN AND ISSUES COULD BE ADDRESSED. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE SPOTTED COMPLAINTS FROM WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., ABOUT SEVERAL DOZEN PEOPLE SHOUTING AT EARLY VOTERS WITH BULL HORNS, WE POSTED A STORY THAT PROMPTED THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO INTERVENE AND STOP THE INTIMIDATING BEHAVIOR. OUR TEAM ALSO LOOKED CLOSELY AT ALLEGATIONS OF WIDESPREAD VOTER FRAUD. LOOKING AT THOUSANDS OF JURISDICTIONS AND MILLIONS OF VOTERS, WE WERE ABLE TO SAY CONCLUSIVELY THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF EITHER WIDESPREAD FRAUD OR VOTER INTIMIDATION. INSTEAD WE CAUGHT SIGNS OF PEOPLE USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO SPREAD FABRICATIONS. WHEN AN IMAGE CIRCULATING ON TWITTER, CAPTIONED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH, CLAIMED TO SHOW AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER ARRESTING A LATINO MAN IN LINE TO VOTE, WE QUICKLY DETERMINED THE IMAGE WAS A FAKE - A COMPOSITE OF TWO DIFFERENT PHOTOGRAPHS - AND THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF ANYONE ARRESTED BY ICE OFFICIALS WHILE VOTING. "MOST NEWSROOMS IN AMERICA ARE ASKING AN IMPORTANT BUT PREMATURE QUESTION WHILE POLLS ARE OPEN: 'WHO'S WINNING?'" SAID SCOTT KLEIN, PROPUBLICA DEPUTY MANAGING EDITOR AND THE PROJECT'S LEADER, AT THE LAUNCH OF THE INITIATIVE. "ELECTIONLAND IS AN EXPERIMENT THAT ASKS WHETHER WE CAN HELP EMPOWER NEWSROOMS TO COVER OTHER VITALLY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS THAT DAY: HOW IS THE ELECTION ITSELF GOING? WHO'S VOTING AND WHO'S BEING TURNED AWAY?" GIVING VOICE TO A FORGOTTEN CLASS. PROPUBLICA'S COVERAGE LEADING UP TO THE ELECTION ALSO PROVED TRAILBLAZING. THIS WAS CLEAR WHEN THE ELECTION RETURNS ROLLED IN ON THE EVENING OF NOV. 8, AND STUNNED NEWSROOMS AROUND THE COUNTRY REGROUPED AND DISPATCHED THEIR REPORTERS TO THE PLACES WHERE, IT WAS NOW CLEAR, DONALD TRUMP HAD PLANTED THE SEEDS OF HIS VICTORY. WITHIN DAYS, REPORTS SPRANG UP ON THE NEW TRUMP VOTERS, DATELINED FROM COAL COUNTRY AND HOLLOWED-OUT FACTORY TOWNS. BUT PROPUBLICA'S ALEC MACGILLIS DIDN'T HAVE TO RUSH OFF. HE'D BEEN VISITING THE HEARTLAND THROUGHOUT 2016, MEASURING THE GATHERING WAVE OF FRUSTRATION AND ANGER. IN JULY, PROPUBLICA AND POLITICO PUBLISHED MACGILLIS' STORY ON THE DAYTON, OHIO, AREA, WHERE INDUSTRIAL DECAY HAD BECOME FERTILE GROUND FOR THE POLITICS OF DONALD TRUMP. MACGILLIS PUSHED DEEP INTO THE LIVES AND FORTUNES OF DAYTON'S PE</p>

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A	<p>OPLE AND THEIR INTERLOCKING FATES THE ISSUES THAT RESONATED WITH TRUMP VOTERS, MACGILLIS WROTE, "HAD BEEN BUILDING FOR DECADES IN PLACES LIKE DAYTON FOR THE MOST PART, THE POLITI CAL ESTABLISHMENT IGNORED, DISMISSED OR OVERLOOKED THESE FORCES, UNTIL SUDDENLY THEY BLEW APART NEARLY EVERYONE'S BLUEPRINT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN " MACGILLIS' STORY, "THE G REAT REPUBLICAN CRACK-UP" WAS NOT ONLY A MODEL OF ON-THE-GROUND REPORTING, INSIGHTFUL ANAL YSIS AND ELEGANT WRITING IT WAS ALSO A PRESCIENT PIECE OF JOURNALISM IN WHICH THE REPORTI NG CAPTURED THE PULSE OF DISCONTENT IN THE RUST BELT AND STEERED PROPUBLICA READERS AHEAD OF THE CURVE AFTER THE ELECTION, PROPUBLICA BEGAN SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF PRE SIDENT-ELECT TRUMP'S TRANSITION TEAM AND INCOMING ADMINISTRATION, NOTABLY WITH OUR FEATURE "THE CHOSEN " HOLDING THE POWERFUL TO ACCOUNT THROUGHOUT 2016, PROPUBLICA CRAFTED IMPORTA NT, INNOVATIVELY PRESENTED STORIES THAT PURSUED OUR MISSION TO EXPOSE ABUSES OF POWER AND BETRAYALS OF PUBLIC TRUST - PRECISELY THE KIND OF WORK THAT BOTH OUR ESTABLISHED AND NEW D ONORS SAY THEY ARE COUNTING ON US TO DO OUR SUBJECTS INCLUDED THE DUBIOUS CREDENTIALS HAN DED OUT BY THE NATION'S LARGEST ACCREDITOR OF FOR-PROFIT SCHOOLS AND THE DAMAGING OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS, HEALTH IMPACTS OF AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE ON THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN O F VIETNAM VETERANS AND THE FAILURES OF THE VA TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY, THE TROUBLING FAILUR E RATES AND RACIAL DISPARITIES IN ALGORITHMS USED ACROSS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO PR EDICT A DEFENDANT'S RISK OF COMMITTING A FUTURE CRIME, POLICE USE OF ERROR-PRONE DRUG KITS USED TO CONVICT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ANNUALLY, DECEPTIVE PRACTICES BY NEW YORK CITY LANDLO RDS THAT WRONGFULLY INFLATE RENTS, AND FACEBOOK'S INADVERTENT FACILITATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS MARCY, A MICHIGAN READER, EXPLAINED HER RECENT DONATION TO PROPUBLICA "NOW, MORE THAN EVER, OUR DEMOCRACY NEEDS A STRONG, INDEPENDENT PRESS THANKS FOR THE WORK YOU D O " WE REMAIN DETERMINED TO SERVE READERS WITH MORE ESSENTIAL JOURNALISM AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT FOR AMERICA IMPACT - FOLLOWING PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING THAT STUDENTS AT FOR-PROFIT SCHOOLS ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITING COUNCIL FOR INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (ACICS) HAVE THE LOWEST GRADUATION RATES IN THE COUNTRY AND STRUGGLE TO REPAY THEIR STUDENT LOAN S, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD TERMINATE THE AGENCY THIS UNPRECEDENT ED MOVE TO STRIP THE POWERS OF ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST ACCREDITORS OF FOR-PROFIT SCHOO LS IT CAME AFTER 12 STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL, A COALITION OF 23 STUDENT AND CONSUMER PROTE CTION ORGANIZATIONS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND REPORT BY OFFICIALS AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - ALL CITING PROPUBLICA - RECOMMENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DE-AUT HORIZE ACICS</p>

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<p>- WHEN PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT FACEBOOK ALLOWED ADVERTISERS TO BUY CREDIT,</p>	<p>HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT ADS THAT EXCLUDE ANYONE WITH AN "AFFINITY" FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AS IAN-AMERICAN AND HISPANIC PEOPLE FROM SEEING THEM, IT SPARKED A WAVE OF CRITICISM AIMED AT THE SOCIAL NETWORK. FOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WROTE FACEBOOK DEMANDING THAT THE COMPANY STOP LETTING ADVERTISERS EXCLUDE VIEWERS OF HOUSING ADS BY RACE. THE FEDERAL AGENCY THAT ENFORCES THE NATION'S FAIR HOUSING LAWS BEGAN TALKS WITH FACEBOOK TO ADDRESS WHAT EXPERTS SAID WAS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF FEDERAL ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS. TWO WEEKS AFTER OUR STORY RAN, FACEBOOK ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD BAR ADVERTISERS FROM EXCLUDING USERS BY RACE IN ADS THAT INVOLVED HOUSING, CREDIT AND EMPLOYMENT. THE COMPANY SAID IT WOULD BUILD AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM TO SPOT ADS THAT DISCRIMINATE ILLEGALLY. - OUR SERIES OF ARTICLES PUBLISHED WITH THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, WHICH DETAILED "NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTIONS" - NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT LAWSUITS THAT GIVE POLICE THE POWER TO EVICT PEOPLE PURPORTEDLY USING THEIR HOMES OR BUSINESS FOR ILLEGAL PURPOSES - LED TO IMPORTANT RESULTS. AFTER THE INVESTIGATION WAS PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY, THE NYPD IMPOSED NEW SAFEGUARDS IN THE PROCESS OF LOCKING RESIDENTS OUT OF THEIR HOMES BEFORE THEY'VE HAD A CHANCE TO TELL THEIR SIDE OF THE STORY IN COURT. THE NUMBER OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTIONS FILED BY THE NYPD DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY. SEVERAL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS INTRODUCED A PACKAGE OF 13 BILLS THAT WOULD REFORM THE WAY THE NYPD CARRIES OUT NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR SOME OF THESE, INCLUDING MEASURES TO REMOVE MARIJUANA POSSESSION AS A CHARGE THAT COULD LEAD TO IMMEDIATE EVICTION, TO REQUIRE LAB REPORTS TO SUPPORT DRUG ALLEGATIONS, AND TO LIMIT EXCLUSIONS OF MOST PEOPLE FROM HOMES TO ONE YEAR. IN ADDITION, ONE FAMILY THAT WAS WRONGFULLY KICKED OUT OF THEIR APARTMENT, CITING OUR REPORTING, FILED A LAWSUIT SEEKING TO HAVE THE LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL. - A PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATION, PUBLISHED IN JULY WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, SPOTLIGHTED HOW POLICE DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY USE ROADSIDE DRUG TESTS TO SECURE GUILTY PLEAS AND SEND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO JAIL EVERY YEAR. - DESPITE WIDESPREAD EVIDENCE THAT THEY ROUTINELY PRODUCE FALSE POSITIVES, OUR REPORTING SPURRED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN PORTLAND, ORE., TO REVIEW ITS DRUG POSSESSION CASES. THE OFFICE DISCOVERED FIVE CASES WHERE DEFENDANTS HAD PLED GUILTY - BUT SUBSEQUENT LAB TESTS CAME BACK NEGATIVE FOR THE PRESENCE OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - AND VACATED THOSE FIVE WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS. PORTLAND'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ALSO CHANGED THE WAY IT SECURED GUILTY PLEAS IN DRUG POSSESSION CASES BASED ON THESE TESTS. NOW SUCH PLEAS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNLESS THE PRELIMINARY POLICE ROADSIDE TEST IS CONFIRMED BY LAB ANALYSIS. IN TEXAS, A STATE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT CRIME LABS REVIEW ALL FIELD TEST RESULTS AND RE-TEST SUBSTANCES COLLECTED IN PREVIOUS DRUG CASES THAT HAD NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY LAB TESTING. IN LAS VEGAS, THE NEVADA ATTORNEYS F</p>

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<p>- WHEN PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT FACEBOOK ALLOWED ADVERTISERS TO BUY CREDIT,</p>	<p>OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SET UP A COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CHALLENGE LAW ENFORCEMENT'S METHODS FOR GETTING DRUG CONVICTIONS - PROPUBLICA AND NPR REPORTING SPOTLIGHTED OKLAHOMA'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM, WHICH ALLOWED COMPANIES TO "OPT OUT" OF STATE WORKERS' COMP AND WRITE THEIR OWN PLANS FOR DEALING WITH INJURED WORKERS IN SEPTEMBER, THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT STRUCK DOWN THE OPT-OUT SYSTEM AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, ECHOING AN EARLIER RULING FROM THE OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT STRUCK DOWN LAWS THAT CAPPED ATTORNEY FEES AND LIMITED WORKERS TO TWO YEARS OF TEMPORARY DISABILITY PAY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY WERE ABLE TO RETURN TO WORK IN OCTOBER, THE U.S. LABOR DEPARTMENT RELEASED A REPORT DETAILING HOW STATES ARE FAILING INJURED WORKERS - AN EFFORT PROMPTED BY TEN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO URGED THE U.S. LABOR SECRETARY TO DEVISE AN OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR STATE WORKERS' COMP PROGRAMS, CITING PROPUBLICA'S REPORTING THE REPORT LAYS THE GROUNDWORK FOR NEW FEDERAL OVERSIGHT, AS SEN. SHERROD BROWN ANNOUNCED HE WAS DRAFTING LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS ITS FINDINGS AND HOPED TO ADVANCE IT IN THE NEXT CONGRESS - PROPUBLICA, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TEXAS TRIBUNE, LAUNCHED A MULTIMEDIA PROJECT SHOWING THAT HOUSTON IS AT RISK OF A MAJOR DISASTER A HURRICANE WITH THE POTENTIAL TO DEVASTATE THE REGION IN DECEMBER, PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED INTO LAW A BILL TO EXPEDITE A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS STUDY THAT WILL DETERMINE HOW BEST TO PROTECT HOUSTON FROM SUCH A HURRICANE CALLED THE "WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE NATION, OR WINN, ACT, THE LAW EMERGED FROM A BILL THAT U.S. SEN. JOHN CORNYN FILED IN APRIL - ONE MONTH AFTER PROPUBLICA AND THE TEXAS TRIBUNE JOINTLY PUBLISHED STORIES ON THE PROBLEM - A PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATION, PUBLISHED IN JULY WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES, FOUND THAT A NEW JERSEY AGENCY WAS PUSHING STUDENT LOANS WITH STRINGENT RULES, AGGRESSIVE COLLECTIONS AND FEW REPRIEVES - EVEN FOR BORROWERS WHO DIED IN DECEMBER, GOV. CHRISTIE SIGNED INTO LAW A NEW REQUIREMENT, PROMPTED BY OUR REPORTING, THAT REQUIRED THE STATE'S STUDENT LOAN AGENCY TO FORGIVE THE DEBTS OF BORROWERS WHO DIE OR BECOME PERMANENTLY DISABLED THE NEW JERSEY SENATE ALSO PASSED BILLS REQUIRING THE AGENCY TO OBTAIN A COURT ORDER BEFORE GARNISHING WAGES, TAKING STATE TAX REFUNDS, OR SUSPENDING PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, LEGISLATION THAT IS NOW BEFORE NEW JERSEY'S HOUSE ANOTHER BILL WOULD SET A BORROWER'S MONTHLY PAYMENT AT A LEVEL THAT IS CONSIDERED AFFORDABLE BASED ON HIS OR HER INCOME IN SEPTEMBER, A NEW JERSEY STATE COMMISSION UNVEILED A REPORT URGING THE AGENCY TO OFFER BETTER PROTECTIONS FOR BORROWERS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOOST STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE TERMS BEFORE THEY SIGN FOR LOANS AND TO OFFER A REHABILITATION PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS BORROWERS WHO DEFAULT TO IMPROVE THEIR PAYMENT STATUS AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF CONSISTENT PAYMENTS - AFTER OUR REPORTING REVEALED THAT NEW YORK CITY LANDLORDS WHO COLLECT LUCRATIVE TAX BREAKS</p>

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<p>- WHEN PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT FACEBOOK ALLOWED ADVERTISERS TO BUY CREDIT,</p>	<p>IN EXCHANGE FOR PROVIDING RENT-STABILIZED HOUSING FAILED TO REGISTER UP TO 200,000 APARTMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO ANNOUNCED A LARGE-SCALE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM TARGETING MORE THAN 3,000 RENTAL BUILDINGS SAYING "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH," DE BLASIO SAID BUILDING OWNERS WHO FAIL TO FOLLOW THE LAW WILL LOSE THEIR TAX BREAKS OFFICIALS FROM THE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT HAVE PLEDGED TO END THE PRACTICE OF GRANTING THE BENEFIT WITHOUT CHECKING TO MAKE SURE LANDLORDS COMPLY WITH THE RENT RULES IN ADDITION, SINCE PROPUBLICA'S INVESTIGATION ON THIS ISSUE, TWO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS INTRODUCED A BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE CITY'S HOUSING AGENCY TO AUDIT 20 PERCENT OF BUILDINGS RECEIVING THE TAX BENEFIT, AND MANDATE THAT VIOLATORS RETURN THE MONEY STATE LAWMAKERS INTRODUCED A BILL THAT WOULD INSTITUTE MUCH HIGHER FINANCIAL PENALTIES FOR LANDLORDS WHO OVERCHARGE THEIR TENANTS, AND THE CITY'S HOUSING COMMISSIONER OUTLINED A PLAN FOR HIRING MORE STAFF AND INVESTING IN TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM - IN 2014, PROPUBLICA AND THE WASHINGTON POST INVESTIGATED THE BUSINESS PRACTICES OF USA DISCOUNTERS, ESPECIALLY THE COMPANY'S HIGH-PRICED LOANS TO ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE PERSONNEL IN THE WAKE OF OUR COVERAGE, THE COMPANY WENT OUT OF BUSINESS IN SEPTEMBER, USA DISCOUNTERS ALSO SETTLED WITH 49 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (COLORADO SETTLED WITH THE COMPANY SEPARATELY) OVER A SUIT ACCUSING THE COMPANY OF VARIOUS ABUSES, INCLUDING MISLEADING CUSTOMERS ABOUT THE QUALITY AND PRICE OF ITS MERCHANDISE, ITS LOAN CONTRACTS, AS WELL AS AGGRESSIVE DEBT COLLECTION THE SETTLEMENT DEAL REQUIRED USA DISCOUNTERS TO PAY \$40 MILLION IN PENALTIES AND TO WIPE OUT DEBT FOR ITS PAST CUSTOMERS - A 2010 PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATION COVERED TWO TEXAS-BASED HOME MORTGAGE COMPANIES, FORMERLY KNOWN AS ALLIED HOME MORTGAGE CAPITAL CORP AND ALLIED HOME MORTGAGE CORP, THAT ISSUED IMPROPER AND RISKY HOME LOANS THAT LATER DEFAULTED BORROWERS SAID THEY'D BEEN LIED TO BY ALLIED EMPLOYEES, WHO IN SOME CASES HAD SIPHONED LOAN PROCEEDS FOR PERSONAL GAIN IN DECEMBER A FEDERAL JURY ORDERED THE COMPANIES AND THEIR CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO PAY NEARLY \$93 MILLION FOR DEFRAUDING THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THESE CORRUPT PRACTICES - FOLLOWING OUR 2014 REPORTING THAT VERIZON AND AT&T WERE ATTACHING HIDDEN TRACKING NUMBERS TO THEIR SUBSCRIBERS' INTERNET ACTIVITY, EVEN WHEN USERS OPTED OUT, VERIZON AGREED TO PAY \$135 MILLION TO SETTLE CHARGES FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION THAT THE UNDELETABLE "ZOMBIE" COOKIES VIOLATED CUSTOMERS' PRIVACY THE COMPANY ALSO SIGNED A CONSENT DECREE WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AFTER THE GOVERNMENT ALLEGED THAT THE COMPANY MADE FALSE REPRESENTATIONS TO CONSUMERS IN THE SETTLEMENT, VERIZON AGREED TO MODIFY ITS PRIVACY POLICY AND PROVIDE USERS AN EFFECTIVE OPT-OUT OF TRACKING</p>

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<p>- IN A JOINT INVESTIGATION WITH THE WASHINGTON POST AND GERMAN NEWS OUTLETS</p>	<p>HANDELSBLATT AND BAYERISCHER RUNDFUNK, PROPUBLICA EXAMINED DIVIDEND-ARBITRAGE TRANSACTIONS, A TRADE STRATEGY THAT HELPS FOREIGN INVESTORS AVOID AN ESTIMATED \$1 BILLION A YEAR IN TAXES ON DIVIDENDS PAID BY GERMAN COMPANIES FOLLOWING OUR REPORT, PROSECUTORS IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY'S FINANCIAL CAPITAL, LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRADES, AND THE GERMAN PARLIAMENT VOTED TO END THE TAX-AVOIDANCE DEALS IN THE COUNTRY GERMANY'S TOP FINANCE OFFICIAL ALSO RELEASED A STATEMENT CRITICIZING DIV-ARB, AND A DANISH MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT CALLED ON THE EU'S EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE TRANSACTIONS, WHICH ARE DRAINING DENMARK AND MANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS OF TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FORGONE TAX REVENUES - AFTER A SERIES OF PROPUBLICA ARTICLES IDENTIFIED DOZENS OF CASES OF NURSING HOME WORKERS POSTING MOCKING PHOTOS OF ELDERLY RESIDENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITES, THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES IN AUGUST ANNOUNCED A PLAN TO INCREASE ITS OVERSIGHT TO PREVENT AND PUNISH SUCH ABUSE IN A MEMO TO STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, THE FEDERAL AGENCY SAID ALL NURSING HOMES MUST HAVE WRITTEN POLICIES ON THIS ISSUE THAT INCLUDE AN EXPLICIT BAN ON TAKING DEMEANING PHOTOGRAPHS OF RESIDENTS, PROCEDURES FOR INVESTIGATING SUCH COMPLAINTS AND REPORTING THOSE INVOLVED TO STATE LICENSING AGENCIES FOR POSSIBLE DISCIPLINE SEN CHARLES GRASSLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, ASKED THE U S JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON HOW AGGRESSIVELY IT PURSUES THIS FORM OF ELDER ABUSE IN NURSING HOMES, DAYS AFTER SEN TOM CARPER SIMILARLY ASKED GOVERNMENT REGULATORS AT THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE U S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO STOP NURSING HOME WORKERS FROM THE DEHUMANIZING PRACTICE - PROPUBLICA AND THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATING WHETHER VIETNAM VETERANS' EXPOSURE TO AGENT ORANGE HAS ALSO LED TO HEALTH PROBLEMS IN THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AT A PROPUBLICA-SPONSORED WASHINGTON, D C , EVENT IN JUNE, VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED NEW EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, INCLUDING THE AGENCY'S FIRST NATIONWIDE SURVEY OF VIETNAM VETERANS IN MORE THAN THREE DECADES AND REQUESTING AN OUTSIDE PANEL OF EXPERTS TO CONTINUE ITS WORK STUDYING MULTIGENERATIONAL IMPACTS OF AGENT ORANGE - PROPUBLICA'S INVESTIGATION ON RISK ASSESSMENTS, ALGORITHMS USED ACROSS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT GENERATE A SCORE PREDICTING A DEFENDANT'S RISK OF COMMITTING A FUTURE CRIME, UNCOVERED RACIAL DIFFERENCES IN THE OUTCOMES OF OUR ANALYSIS OF THE ALGORITHM USED IN FLORIDA, WISCONSIN AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS SHOWED THAT IT WRONGLY LABELED BLACK DEFENDANTS AS LIKELY FUTURE CRIMINALS AT TWICE THE RATE OF MISTAKEN PREDICTIONS ABOUT WHITE DEFENDANTS CITING OUR REPORTING, IN JULY THE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT RULED THAT, WHILE JUDGES MAY CONSIDER RISK ASSESSMENT SCORES DURING SENTENCING, WARNINGS MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE SCORES TO FLAG THE TOOL'S LIMITATIONS THE WHITE HOUSE QUOTED PROPUBLICA'S FINDINGS IN A</p>

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<p>- IN A JOINT INVESTIGATION WITH THE WASHINGTON POST AND GERMAN NEWS OUTLETS</p>	<p>REPORT ON THE IMPACTS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACROSS VARIOUS SECTORS OF SOCIETY - AFTER A 2014 PROPUBLICA AND NPR STORY ON MISSOURI'S HEARTLAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER SHOWED THAT THE NONPROFIT HOSPITAL HAD FOR YEARS SUED LOW-INCOME PATIENTS OVER THEIR UNPAID BILLS, SEN CHARLES GRASSLEY LAUNCHED A SENATE INVESTIGATION WHICH CONCLUDED IN JUNE AS A RESULT OF THE SCRUTINY, THE HOSPITAL OVERHAULED ITS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY AND FORGAVE THE DEBTS OF THOUSANDS OF FORMER PATIENTS - FOLLOWING OUR REPORT ON ABUSE AND NEGLECT AT THE CARLTON PALMS EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, OFFICIALS STATIONED AN INVESTIGATOR AT THE CENTER AND FORMED A SPECIAL TEAM TO CLOSELY MONITOR STAFF AND RESIDENTS THE STATE ALSO SAID IT WOULD MOVE CURRENT RESIDENTS TO NEW HOMES - IN 2015, PROPUBLICA AND AL COM INVESTIGATED A HARSH ALABAMA LAW THAT CHARGES WOMEN WHO USED DRUGS DURING PREGNANCY WITH "CHEMICAL ENDANGERMENT," A FELONY THAT CARRIES A 10-YEAR SENTENCE EVEN IF THE BABY IS BORN UNHARMED OR IF THE DRUG IS LEGAL IN MAY, THE ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED A BILL TO EXEMPT WOMEN WHO USE MEDICALLY PRESCRIBED DRUGS FROM THE STATE'S LAW - IN OCTOBER, PROPUBLICA DISCLOSED THAT GOOGLE QUIETLY CHANGED A MAJOR PRIVACY POLICY THE COMPANY HAD PREVIOUSLY PROMISED THAT IT WOULD NOT REVEAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT ITS USERS TO THE ADVERTISING NETWORK DOUBLECLICK, A GOOGLE SUBSIDIARY HOWEVER, THIS YEAR GOOGLE UPDATED ITS POLICY TO SAY THAT USERS' WEB BROWSING ACTIVITIES "MAY BE" COMBINED WITH THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM GMAIL AND OTHER LOGIN ACCOUNTS IN RESPONSE TO OUR REPORTING, TWO ADVOCACY GROUPS FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC) ALLEGING THAT GOOGLE HAD DELIBERATELY DECEIVED CONSUMERS AND THAT THE PRIVACY POLICY CHANGE VIOLATED BINDING COMMITMENTS THAT GOOGLE MADE TO THE FTC - IN THE DAYS LEADING TO ELECTION DAY, REPORTERS ON PROPUBLICA'S ELECTIONLAND PROJECT SAW SEVERAL INSTANCES OF FALSE INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING REQUIREMENTS SPREADING ON SOCIAL MEDIA ONE EXAMPLE WE REPORTED CAME FROM CLOTHING RETAILER URBAN OUTFITTERS, WHICH TWEETED AN ELECTION GUIDE TO ITS 1 MILLION TWITTER FOLLOWERS FULL OF FALSE INFORMATION, INCLUDING A CLAIM THAT VOTERS NEED A "VOTER'S REGISTRATION CARD AND AN ID AFTER OUR STORY, URBAN OUTFITTERS PROMPTLY DELETED THE TWEET AND UPDATED ITS GUIDE - AFTER PROPUBLICA REPORTED THAT DOCTORS WHO TOOK PAYMENTS FROM PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES PRESCRIBED MORE EXPENSIVE, BRAND-NAME MEDICATIONS THAN THOSE WHO DIDN'T, TWO MEDICAL JOURNALS PUBLISHED STUDIES THAT CONFIRMED THIS LINK JAMA INTERNAL MEDICINE FOUND SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE THAT DOCTORS WHO RECEIVED MEALS TIED TO SPECIFIC DRUGS PRESCRIBED A HIGHER PROPORTION OF THOSE PRODUCTS THAN THEIR PEERS, WITH THE SHARE OF THE DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS RISING WITH THE GREATER NUMBER OF MEALS THEY RECEIVED A HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDY FOUND THAT MASSACHUSETTS PHYSICI</p>

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- IN A JOINT INVESTIGATION WITH THE WASHINGTON POST AND GERMAN NEWS OUTLETS	<p>ANS PRESCRIBED A HIGHER PROPORTION OF BRAND-NAME DRUGS THE MORE INDUSTRY MONEY THEY RECEIVED - A 2011 PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATION, PUBLISHED WITH COLUMBIA'S STABLE CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AND THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY, FOUND THAT, WHILE STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS FORGIVEN, THE PROGRAM FOR DECIDING WHETHER THEY QUALIFY IS DEEPLY DYSFUNCTIONAL FEDERAL OFFICIALS CONSEQUENTLY CHANGED THE PROGRAM'S REGULATIONS, AND THIS APRIL THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL OFFER TO WRITE OFF \$7.7 BILLION OF STUDENT DEBT OWED BY APPROXIMATELY 387,000 BORROWERS WHO HAVE BECOME DISABLED - FOLLOWING OUR 2014 REPORT ON ABUSIVE DISCIPLINE TECHNIQUES AT THE JUDGE ROTENBERG CENTER, A BOSTON-AREA SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION MOVED TO BAN THE FACILITY'S USE OF A CONTROVERSIAL ELECTRIC SHOCK DEVICE IN A 124-PAGE DOCUMENT PROPOSING THE BAN, THE FDA ACCUSED THE ROTENBERG CENTER OF UNDERREPORTING HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ELECTRIC SHOCKS AND MISLEADING FAMILIES ABOUT ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS - AFTER OUR STORY ON A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEW YORK PROJECT THAT DISPLACED SEVERAL LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN THE PROCESS OF BUYING AND RENOVATING BUILDINGS IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT CORNEGY ASKED THE CHARITY'S LOCAL AFFILIATE TO FIND HOUSING FOR THE FAMILIES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S NEW YORK CHAPTER TOOK RESPONSIBILITY, ENCOURAGING THE FAMILIES NAMED IN THE ARTICLE TO CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY IN ORDER TO "HELP THEM FIND SOLUTIONS THAT MEET THEIR NEEDS "</p>

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OUR WORK WAS HONORED IN 2016 AS FOLLOWS	<p>PROPUBICA'S COLLABORATION WITH THE MARSHALL PROJECT, "AN UNBELIEVABLE STORY OF RAPE," ABO UT THE HUNT FOR A SERIAL RAPIST, WON THE 2016 PULITZER PRIZE FOR EXPLANATORY REPORTING TH E AWARD IS THE THIRD PULITZER PRIZE FOR PROPUBICA WRITTEN BY PROPUBICA SENIOR REPORTER T CHRISTIAN MILLER AND THE MARSHALL PROJECT'S KEN ARMSTRONG, "AN UNBELIEVABLE STORY OF RA PE" ALSO RECEIVED THE GEORGE POLK AWARD FOR JUSTICE REPORTING, THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NEW S EDITORS' DEBORAH HOWELL AWARD FOR NON-DEADLINE WRITING, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM SCHOOL'S MEY ER "MIKE" BERGER AWARD FOR HUMAN INTEREST REPORTING, THE PEN CENTER USA LITERARY AWARD FOR JOURNALISM, THE DEADLINE CLUB AWARD FOR FEATURE REPORTING, THE JOHN BARTLOW MARTIN AWARD FOR PUBLIC INTEREST MAGAZINE JOURNALISM AND THE AL NAKKULA AWARD FOR POLICE REPORTING THE PIECE WAS NOMINATED FOR A NATIONAL MAGAZINE AWARD FOR FEATURE WRITING, IN ADDITION TO BEI NG A FINALIST FOR THE DART AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COVERAGE OF TRAUMA, AND THE NIEMAN FOUN DATION'S TAYLOR FAMILY AWARD FOR FAIRNESS IN JOURNALISM FOR HIS WORK ON THIS ARTICLE AND PREVIOUS REPORTING ON RAPE, MILLER WON THE END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA EXCELLENCE AWARD - PROPUBICA SENIOR REPORTER ABRAHM LUSTGARTEN WAS A FINALIST FOR THE PU LITZER PRIZE FOR NATIONAL REPORTING FOR "KILLING THE COLORADO," HIS GROUNDBREAKING INVESTI GATION ON THE WATER CRISIS IN THE AMERICAN WEST THE PIECE WON THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF S CIENCES, ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD IN THE ONLINE CATEGORY, RECEIVED SP ECIAL RECOGNITION FROM THE KNIGHT-RISSER PRIZE FOR WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM, AND I S A FINALIST FOR THE ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARD FOR EXPLANATORY REPORTING - FOR A SERIES OF ARTICLES THAT EXPLORED THE CHANGING NATURE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY, REPORTER ALEC MACGILLIS RECEIVED THE TONER PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN POLITICAL REPORTING AT A DINNER IN WASHINGTON, D C , AT WHICH PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA GAVE THE KEYNOTE SPEECH OUR REPORTING WITH NPR NEWS , "INSULT TO INJURY," THAT SHOWED HOW STATES SHARPLY REDUCED WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT S AT THE BEHEST OF INSURERS AND BIG BUSINESSES WON THE IRE MEDAL, THE HIGHEST HONOR BESTOW ED BY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS, AN IRE AWARD IN THE PRINT/ONLINE CATEGORY, THE EDWARD R. MURROW AWARD FOR ONLINE/AUDIO NEWS SERIES, THE GERALD LOEB AWARD FOR DISTINGUISH ED BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL JOURNALISM FOR EXPLANATORY REPORTING, THE DEADLINE CLUB AWARDS F OR PUBLIC SERVICE, TWO BEST IN BUSINESS AWARDS FROM THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITO RS AND WRITERS FOR DIGITAL INNOVATION AND DIGITAL INVESTIGATIVE, THE DEADLINE AWARD FOR PU BLIC SERVICE, AND A SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFOGRAPHICS "COLOR O F DEBT," OUR ANALYSIS OF RACIAL DISPARITIES IN DEBT COLLECTION LAWSUITS AND WAGE GARNISHME NT BY PAUL KIEL, ANNIE WALDMAN AND AL SHAW, WON THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AWARD FOR CONSUMER JOURNALISM-PERIODICALS, AN ONLINE NEWS ASSOCIATION AL NEUHARTH INNOVATION IN INVESTIGATIV E JOURNALISM AWARD, THE SOCIET</p>

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OUR WORK WAS HONORED IN 2016 AS FOLLOWS	<p>Y OF AMERICAN BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS' BEST IN BUSINESS AWARD FOR DIGITAL EXPLANATORY , AND A DEADLINE CLUB AWARD FOR MINORITY FOCUS THE PROJECT WAS ALSO A FINALIST FOR THE NA TIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK JOURNALISTS SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS IN THE ONLINE NEWS PRO JECT CATEGORY, THE GERALD LOEB AWARD FOR BEAT REPORTING, THE DATA JOURNALISM AWARD'S NEWS DATA APP OF THE YEAR, AND THE DEADLINE CLUB AWARDS FOR BEAT REPORTING A COLLABORATION WIT H PBS FRONTLINE WHICH REVEALED A POLITICAL DEATH SQUAD THAT MURDERED SEVERAL VIETNAMESE-AM ERICAN JOURNALISTS WITH TOTAL IMPUNITY, "TERROR IN LITTLE SAIGON," WAS NOMINATED FOR AN EM MY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM-LONG FORM THE PROJECT WAS ALSO A FINALI ST FOR THE DART AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COVERAGE OF TRAUMA OUR COVERAGE, WITH NPR NEWS, O F HOW THE RED CROSS HAS FAILED DISASTER VICTIMS IN HAITI AND MADE DUBIOUS CLAIMS OF SUCCE S, WON THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITORS AWARD FOR RADIO/AUDIO AND WAS A FINALIST FO R THE ONLINE NEWS ASSOCIATION'S AL NEUHARTH INNOVATION IN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AWARD OUR SERIES WITH THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT, ON THE ONGOING IMPACT OF AGENT ORANGE ON THE HEALTH O F VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WON THE ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARD FOR TOPICAL REPORTI NG REPORTING ON ABUSES BY THE FOR-PROFIT COMPANY ADVOSERV, WHICH RUNS SCHOOLS AND RESIDEN TIAL FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES, WON THE NATIONAL AWARD FOR EDUC ATION REPORTING IN THE INVESTIGATIVE CATEGORY "SURGEON SCORECARD," WHICH LIFTED THE CURTA IN ON THE COMPLICATION RATES OF MORE THAN 16,000 SURGEONS NATIONWIDE AND ENABLED AMERICANS TO COMPARE THEIR RESULTS FOR THE FIRST TIME, WON THE DEADLINE CLUB AWARD FOR SCIENCE, MED ICA L OR ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING, THE ASIAN AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION'S AL NEUHARTH AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, AND A SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN AWARD OF E XCELLENCE FOR FEATURES, AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE ONLINE NEWS ASSOCIATION'S UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AWARD FOR INVESTIGATIVE DATA JOURNALISM OUR COLLABORATION WITH THE NEW YORK DAIL Y NEWS, EXPOSING STARTLING ABUSES BY THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE CITY'S NUISANCE ABATEMENT LAW, WON THE SIDNEY HILLMAN FOUNDATION'S MONTHLY SIDNEY AWARD FOR MAY, AND WAS A FINALIST FOR THE ONLINE NEWS ASSOCIATION'S KNIGHT AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE OUR EXAMINATION OF HOW POLICE FAILED TO STOP FORMER NFL PLAYER AND SERIAL RAPIST DARREN SHARPE R FOR YEARS WON THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS' GREEN EYESHADES AWARD IN THE SPOR TS REPORTING CATEGORY PROPUBLICA NEWS APPLICATIONS DEVELOPER SISI WEI WON THE DATA JOURNA LISM AWARD FOR BEST INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO WEI WAS RECOGNIZED FOR NEWS APPLICATIONS AND DAT A VISUALIZATIONS INCLUDING "SURGEON SCORECARD," "DEBT BY DEGREES AND "MONEY AS A WEAPON S YSTEM," WHICH LET READERS BROWSE STRANGE AND OFTEN WASTEFUL PROJECT FUNDED BY COMMANDERS D URING THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN OUR REPORTING ON FAULTY ROADSIDE DRUG TESTS THAT ARE WRONGFU LLY CONVICTING PEOPLE WON THE</p>

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OUR WORK WAS HONORED IN 2016 AS FOLLOWS	<p>SIDNEY HILLMAN FOUNDATION'S SIDNEY AWARD FOR AUGUST REPORTING ON WHITE WORKERS IN THE RUST BELT WHO WERE EFFECTIVELY WRITTEN OFF BY HILLARY CLINTON AND THE DEMOCRATS, WON PAYDAY REPORT'S FIRST-EVER ANNE BRADEN AWARD PROPUBLICA WAS NAMED A FINALIST FOR THE ONLINE JOURNALISM AWARD FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE IN ONLINE JOURNALISM "DEVILS, DEALS AND THE DEA," OUR FEATURE ON HOW THE DEA BROUGHT DOWN ONE OF THE MOST VICIOUS MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS - AND THE MURKY AFTERMATH - WAS A FINALIST FOR THE DEADLINE CLUB AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE REPORTING OUR INVESTIGATION INTO WHICH COLLEGES HELP LOW-INCOME STUDENTS THE MOST, "DEBT BY DEGREES," WAS A FINALIST FOR THE NATIONAL AWARD FOR EDUCATION REPORTING FOR DATA JOURNALISM AND THE GERALD LOEB AWARD FOR IMAGES/GRAPHICS/INTERACTIVES ORIGINAL ILLUSTRATIONS FEATURED IN OUR INVESTIGATION ON FIRESTONE'S ACTIVITIES IN LIBERIA DURING THE COUNTRY'S BRUTAL CIVIL WAR RECEIVED A SOCIETY OF ILLUSTRATORS SILVER MEDAL REPORTING ON "FLASHBANGS AND THE GROWING MILITARIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS A RUNNER-UP FOR THE JOHN JAY COLLEGE/HF GUGGENHEIM EXCELLENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING AWARDS SIX PROPUBLICA REPORTERS WERE NAMED FINALISTS FOR THE LIVINGSTON AWARDS, WHICH HONOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY JOURNALISTS UNDER THE AGE OF 35 ROBERT FATURECHI FOR HIS INVESTIGATION INTO A FAILED SUPER PAC, JEFF LARSON FOR HIS STORY REVEALING HOW U.S. MILITARY OFFICIALS USED CELL PHONES THAT WERE VULNERABLE TO HACKERS, MICHAEL GRABELL AND LENA GROEGER FOR THEIR PROJECT SHOWING HOW STATES HAVE DISMANTLED COMPENSATION FOR INJURED WORKERS, AND CEZARY PODKUL AND MARCELO ROCHABRUN FOR THEIR REPORTING ON NEW YORK CITY'S BROKEN RENT-STABILIZATION SYSTEM OUR NEWS APPLICATIONS AND DATA VISUALIZATIONS WON A HOST OF AWARDS, INCLUDING SOCIETY FOR NEWS DESIGN AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR INFOGRAPHICS ON CRUISE SHIP SAFETY HAZARDS AND WORKERS' COMP, AS WELL AS FEATURES ON THE WATER CRISIS IN THE AMERICAN WEST AND MILITARY WASTE THE MALOFIEJ INTERNATIONAL INFOGRAPHICS AWARDS ALSO BESTOWED BRONZE MEDALS FOR VISUAL REPORTING ON HEALTH DATA BREACHES AND OUR FACEBOOK VIDEO ON POLICE FAILURES TO STOP A SERIAL RAPIST IN THE NFL SEVERAL OF OUR ILLUSTRATIONS WERE HONORED BY AMERICAN ILLUSTRATION, SELECTED FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF EXCELLENCE IN ILLUSTRATION THEIR HARDCOVER COLLECTION OF WINNING IMAGES WILL FEATURE THREE ORIGINAL ILLUSTRATIONS FROM TWO PROPUBLICA INVESTIGATIONS "THE NARCO-TERROR TRAP," WHICH RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT ALLEGED CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DRUG TRAFFICKING AND TERRORISM, AND "DEALS, DEVILS AND THE DEA" ABOUT HOW THE DEA BROUGHT DOWN A VICIOUS MEXICAN DRUG CARTEL WITH AN UNSATISFYING AFTERMATH</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	PRO PUBLICA HAS ITS FORM 990 PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM AND HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING REVIEW PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION REPORTED IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE WHEN THE FORM 990 HAS BEEN PREPARED, REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES AND IS READY TO BE FILED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, IT'S SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO MEMBERS OF PRO PUBLICA'S GOVERNING BODY FOR ANY COMMENTS PRIOR TO ITS SUBMISSION THE GOVERNING BODY IS PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST ONE WEEK TO REVIEW THE PREPARED FORM 990 AND PROVIDE THEIR COMMENTS ANY COMMENTS ARE THEN GROUPED, SUMMARIZED AND PROVIDED TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW EACH ISSUE IS DOCUMENTED AND ADDRESSED UNTIL THE RETURN IS FINALIZED AND APPROVED FOR FILING

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	<p>PRO PUBLICA HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, WHICH APPLIES TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES. EACH OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED SIGN TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ANNUALLY. AN INTERESTED PERSON MUST DISCLOSE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO THE SECRETARY THE EXISTENCE OF A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ALL MATERIAL FACTS RELATED TO THE CONFLICT. IF A BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS, HE/SHE SHOULD REPORT THE POSSIBLE CONFLICT IN ALL CASES IN WHICH A CRITICAL EXTERNAL OBSERVER MIGHT REASONABLE PERCEIVE A CONFLICT TO EXIST. THE BOARD COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE IF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS. IN THE EVENT THAT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES, THE BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER WITH WHOM THE CONFLICT PERTAINS TO IS EXCLUDED FROM VOTING ON THE ISSUE. HE/SHE WILL LEAVE THE ROOM AND THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS VOTE ON THE ISSUE PERTAINING TO THAT SPECIFIC TRANSACTION. WITH RESPECT TO ANY BOARD COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSION, DECISION, OR ACTIONS INVOLVING TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH A BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING WILL REFLECT THE BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS AND VOTING PROCESS. IN CASE OF AN INTEREST PARTY WHO IS NOT A BOARD MEMBER OR OFFICER, THE PRESIDENT MONITORS AND ENFORCES THE ORGANIZATION'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. IF AN EMPLOYEE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, HE/SHE EMPLOYEE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION MAKING OF THE CONFLICTED TRANSACTION.</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	<p>SALARIES FOR THE CEOS, OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE SET BY THE BOARD THE BOARD USES THE SERVICES OF A LAW FIRM (CAPLIN & DRYSDALE, WHO SPECIALIZE IN NOT FOR PROFIT ISSUES) FOR GUIDANCE ON ALL MATTERS OF COMPENSATION IN 2012 CAPLIN & DRYSDALE UPDATED THE COMPENSATION STUDY FOR THREE KEY EMPLOYEES CAPLIN & DRYSDALE STUDIED COMPENSATION OF SELECT NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS AND RELIED ON THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF PRO PUBLICA'S OPERATIONS AND STATUS IN THE FIELD OF JOURNALISM THE BOARD ESTABLISHED COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO, OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES USING COMPARABLE DATA AND DETERMINED THAT THE SALARY IS REASONABLE COMPARABLE DATA INCLUDES VARIETY OF INFORMATION FROM JOURNALISM OUTLETS AND OTHER NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED SALARY CHANGES ARE DOCUMENTED IN HUMAN RESOURCES FILES AND REQUIRE THE SIGNATURE OF BOTH THE EMPLOYEE AND THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER ARE ALSO DOCUMENTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THIS PROCESS WAS LAST COMPLETED IN 2016</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS FORM 990 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 6104 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE THE RETURN IS POSTED ON GUIDESTAR.ORG AND OTHER SIMILAR TYPES OF WEBSITES IN ADDITION, THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, FORM 990, FORM 1023, AND BY-LAWS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST, AND ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE (WWW.PROPUBLICA.ORG)

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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C	PRO PUBLICA HAS AN AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FOR THE SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR