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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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
COMMONWEALTH POLICY CENTER INC
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P O BOX 5
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
HERNDON, KY 42236

D Employer identification number
45-4795746
E Telephone number
(270) 271-2713
F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify)
H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: COMMONWEALTHPOLICYCENTER.ORG
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c)(4) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 173,449

Part I		Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)				Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I		☒
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received				1	168,985	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts				2	4,450	
	3	Membership dues and assessments				3		
	4	Investment income				4	14	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory		5a		5c		
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		5b				
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c				
	6	Gaming and fundraising events				6d		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)		6a				
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)		6b				
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events		6c				
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)				6d			
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		7a		7c			
b	Less cost of goods sold		7b					
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c					
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)				8			
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8				9	173,449		
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)				10		
	11	Benefits paid to or for members				11		
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits				12	116,042	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors				13	21,788	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance				14		
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping				15	4,529	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)				16	40,227	
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16				17	182,586		
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)				18	-9,137	
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)				19	74,057	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)				20		
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20				21	64,920	

Part II

Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☒

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	77,113	22	73,903
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	251	24	84
25 Total assets	77,364	25	73,987
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	3,307	26	9,067
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	74,057	27	64,920

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☒

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

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

28
See Additional Data Table

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

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

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

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

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) **32** 167,635

Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV. ☐

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
RICHARD NELSON	40 00	83,100	21,262	
EXECUTIVE DI				
ANDY FRENCH	5 00	0		
PRESIDENT				
PAUL HERRELL	5 00	0		
TREASURER				
RICK HARDISON	5 00	0		
SECRETARY				
ANGELA MINTER	1 00	0		
DIRECTOR				
HEATHER MITCHELL	1 00	0		
DIRECTOR				
JEFF DAVIS	1 00	0		
DIRECTOR				

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

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

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "				
(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f	Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000	▶	
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51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "		
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d	Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.	▶	
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52	Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE. All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A	▶	☐ Yes ☐ No
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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		2017-02-06 Date		
	RICHARD NELSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name TERRY L CARVER	Preparer's signature	Date 2017-02-09	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00038972
	Firm's name ▶ KEMPER CPA GROUP LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 37-0818432	
	Firm's address ▶ PO BOX 676 HENDERSON, KY 424190676			Phone no. (270) 826-4474	

	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions	▶	☐ Yes ☐ No
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Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 45-4795746

Name: COMMONWEALTH POLICY CENTER INC

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
28 PUBLIC SPEAKING, NETWORKING, NEWSLETTERS, BLOGS, OPINION WRITING AND ADVERTISING IN ORDER TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE SOCIAL AND MORAL ISSUES OF THE DAY (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐	28a	167,635

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
COMMONWEALTH POLICY CENTER INC

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES BUSINESS ADVERTISING 6 CAMPAIGN - CP PAC 17,500 TRAINING ADVERTISING 527 ELECTION RELATED ADVERTISING 5,786 BUSINESS PAYPAL FEES 789 SUPPLIES 394 TELEPHONE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS 3,502 BANK FEES 600 TRAINING SUPPLIES 129 PLAQUE 33 COMPUTER/TECH SUPPORT 2,479 TRAINING LODGING 564 OWNED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE 666 OWNED VEHICLE GASOLINE 2,331 MEALS 857 LODGING 1,159 CONFERENCE, CONVENTION, MEETING 413 TRAINING MEALS 1,023 VEHICLE INSURANCE 515 LIABILITY, D&O 565 VEHICLE REGISTRATION 156 BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE 15 TRAINING PROFESSIONALS 50 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 168 TOTAL 40,227

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART II, LINE 24	EQUIPMENT 1,454 1,454 LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 1,203 1,370 TOTAL 251 84

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990- EZ, PART II, LINE 26	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES 3,307 9,067

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