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Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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2016

For calendar year 2016 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation

The James N. Cost Foundation

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

2950 Avalon Ave

A Employer identification number

94-3270447

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

Berkeley, CA 94705

Room/suite

G Check all that apply:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return | <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Final return | <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Address change | <input type="checkbox"/> Name change |

H Check type of organization: Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16)

(Other (specify))

► \$ 909,005. (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

B Telephone number

(510) 540-8121

C If exemption application is pending, check here ► D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ► 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ► E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ► F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ►

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses

(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a))

		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received			N/A	
2	Check ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4	Dividends and interest from securities	26,031.	26,031.		Statement 1
5a	Gross rents				
b	Net rental income or (loss)				
6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	368.			
b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	10,261.			
7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		368.		
8	Net short-term capital gain				
9	Income modifications				
10a	Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b	Less Cost of goods sold				
c	Gross profit or (loss)				
11	Other income				
12	Total Add lines 1 through 11	26,399.	26,399.		
13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0.	0.	0.	
14	Other employee salaries and wages				
15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a	Legal fees	1,765.	0.	1,765.	
b	Accounting fees				
c	Other professional fees				
17	Interest				
18	Taxes Stmt 3	909.	0.	909.	
19	Depreciation and depletion				
20	Occupancy				
21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22	Printing and publications	100.	0.	100.	
23	Other expenses Stmt 4	106.	0.	106.	
24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	2,880.	0.	2,880.	
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	43,200.		43,200.	
26	Total expenses and disbursements Add lines 24 and 25	46,080.	0.	46,080.	
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:	<19,681. >			
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements				
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		26,399.		
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			N/A	

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Operating and Administrative Expenses

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
1	Cash - non-interest-bearing		1,659.	1,335.	1,335.
2	Savings and temporary cash investments		31,047.	26,983.	26,983.
3	Accounts receivable ►				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►				
4	Pledges receivable ►				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►				
5	Grants receivable				
6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
7	Other notes and loans receivable ►				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►				
8	Inventories for sale or use				
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
10a	Investments - U.S. and state government obligations				
b	Investments - corporate stock	Stmt 5	424,279.	414,386.	834,720.
c	Investments - corporate bonds				
11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ►				
	Less accumulated depreciation ►				
12	Investments - mortgage loans				
13	Investments - other	Stmt 6	17,548.	17,548.	45,967.
14	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ►				
	Less accumulated depreciation ►				
15	Other assets (describe ►)				
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item 1)		474,533.	460,252.	909,005.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
	18 Grants payable				
	19 Deferred revenue				
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable				
	22 Other liabilities (describe ► <u>Outstanding Checks</u>)		37,800.	43,200.	
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)		37,800.	43,200.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24 Unrestricted		436,733.	417,052.	
	25 Temporarily restricted				
	26 Permanently restricted				
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund				
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
	30 Total net assets or fund balances		436,733.	417,052.	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		474,533.	460,252.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	436,733.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	<19,681. >
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	3	0.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	417,052.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	5	0.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	417,052.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)			(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a 400 Encana Corp			P	06/12/12	01/05/16
b 10 Markel Corp			P	01/31/02	01/15/16
c					
d					
e					
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)		
a 1,921.		7,977.	<6,056. >		
b 8,340.		1,916.	6,424.		
c					
d					
e					
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))		
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any			
a			<6,056. >		
b			6,424.		
c					
d					
e					
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	368.	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	{ }		3	N/A	

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

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

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

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No

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

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

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2015	46,497.	855,324.	.054362
2014	46,267.	870,195.	.053169
2013	42,472.	781,834.	.054324
2012	37,474.	689,735.	.054331
2011	36,551.	673,986.	.054231

- 2 Total of line 1, column (d) **2** .270417
- 3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years **3** .054083
- 4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5 **4** 851,207.
- 5 Multiply line 4 by line 3 **5** 46,036.
- 6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b) **6** 264.
- 7 Add lines 5 and 6 **7** 46,300.
- 8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 **8** 46,080.

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

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

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1.	Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions) b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b). 2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-) 3 Add lines 1 and 2 4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-) 5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0- 6 Credits/Payments: a 2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016 b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868) d Backup withholding erroneously withheld 7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d 8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached 9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed 10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid 11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2017 estimated tax ► Refunded ► 11	1	528.
		2	0.
		3	528.
		4	0.
		5	528.
		7	0.
		8	16.
		9	544.
		10	
		11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.</i> c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year? d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. ► \$ <u>0.</u> (2) On foundation managers. ► \$ <u>0.</u> e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ► \$ <u>0.</u> 2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i> 3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i> 4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? 5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i> 6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument? 7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV</i> 8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ► <u>MN</u> b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i> 9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2016 or the taxable year beginning in 2016 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i> 10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	1a	X
		1b	X
		1c	X
		2	X
		3	X
		4a	X
		4b	
		5	X
		6	X
		7	X
	8b	X	
	9	X	
	10	X	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	Yes	No
11		X
12		X
13	X	
Website address ►	N/A	
14	The books are in care of ► David W. Cost, Jr.	
	Telephone no. ► (510) 540-8121	
Located at ►	2950 Avalon Avenue, Berkeley, CA	
15	ZIP+4 ► 94705	
Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here	► 15	
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	►	
16	Yes	No
At any time during calendar year 2016, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►		

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

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

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

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?
- (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?
- (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?
- (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions)
- (5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

 Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes Nob If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did **any** of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

N/A

5b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

N/A

 Yes No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

 Yes No

6b

X

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

 Yes No

b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

 Yes No

N/A

7b

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
David W. Cost, Jr. 2950 Avalon Ave. Berkeley, CA 94705	Trustee 0.25	0.	0.	0.
James R. Cost 1710 Gildersleeve Santa Fe, NM 87501	Trustee 0.25	0.	0.	0.
David W. Cost, Sr. 423 Laurel Avenue St Paul, MN 55102	Trustee 0.25	0.	0.	0.

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
N/A	0.00	0.	0.	0.

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

0

Part VIII **Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
N/A		0.

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services

1

0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

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

Expenses

1	N/A	
2		
3		
4		

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

Amount

1	N/A	
2		
3		
All other program-related investments. See instructions.		
3		
Total Add lines 1 through 3		0.

Total. Add lines 1 through 3

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	847,017.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	17,153.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	864,170.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	864,170.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	12,963.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	851,207.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	42,560.

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

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	42,560.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5	2a	528.
b	Income tax for 2016. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	528.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	42,032.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	42,032.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	42,032.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	46,080.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	46,080.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	46,080.

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

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2015	(c) 2015	(d) 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI, line 7				42,032.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016			0.	
a Enter amount for 2015 only				
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016:				
a From 2011	3,409.			
b From 2012	3,887.			
c From 2013	3,980.			
d From 2014	3,445.			
e From 2015	4,624.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	19,345.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ 46,080.			0.	
a Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2016 distributable amount			42,032.	
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	4,048.			0.
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:	23,393.			
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2015. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.		0.		
f Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2017			0.	
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7	3,409.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	19,984.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2012	3,887.			
b Excess from 2013	3,980.			
c Excess from 2014	3,445.			
d Excess from 2015	4,624.			
e Excess from 2016	4,048.			

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

N/A

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

- b** Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section

4942(l)(3) or

4942(1)(5)

- 2 a** Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

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

1. Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

- a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2))

None

- b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

None

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

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

- a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

David W. Cost, Jr., (510) 540-8121

2950 Avalon Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94705

- b. The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:**

Applications may take any form.

- c Any submission deadlines:**

No submission deadlines.

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

Awards are made for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes. No other restrictions apply.

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year				
ACCESS Women's Health Justice		Public	General Operating	1,000.
Bentley School		Public	General Operating	2,500.
Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive		Public	General Operating	1,000.
California Shakespeare Festival		Public	General Operating	2,200.
Center for Contemporary Arts		Public	General Operating	1,000.
Total	See continuation sheet(s)			► 3a 43,200.
b Approved for future payment				
None				
Total				► 3b 0.

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue:					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue:					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)		0.		26,399.	0.
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)				13	26,399.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

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Part XV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<u>FAME - Foundation for African Medicine & Education</u>		Public	General Operating	<u>500.</u>
<u>Georgia O'Keefe Museum</u>		Public	General Operating	
<u>Santa Fe, NM</u>				<u>1,000.</u>
<u>Habitot Children's Museum</u>		Public	General Operating	<u>1,000.</u>
<u>Lensic Performing Arts Center</u>		Public	General Operating	<u>1,000.</u>
<u>Montana State University School of Agriculture</u>		Public	CFP Jr. Fund	<u>1,000.</u>
<u>Planned Parenthood of New Mexico</u>		Public	General Operating	
<u>Santa Fe, NM</u>				<u>2,500.</u>
<u>Prostate Cancer Support Organization of New Mexico</u>		Public	General Operating	
<u>Santa Fe, NM</u>				<u>1,200.</u>
<u>Santa Fe Animal Shelter</u>		Public	General Operating	
<u>Santa Fe, NM</u>				<u>1,300.</u>
<u>Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival</u>		Public	General Operating	<u>2,500.</u>
<u>Santa Fe Pro Musica</u>		Public	General Operating	
<u>Santa Fe, NM</u>				<u>11,800.</u>
<u>Total from continuation sheets</u>				<u>35,500.</u>

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3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Santa Fe Solace Crisis Treatment Center		Public	General Operating	
Santa Fe, NM				2,500.
St. Mary's Hospital Foundation		Public	General Operating	1,500.
The Hospice Center (Presbyterian Medical Services Foundation)		Public	General Operating General Operating	1,500.
Think New Mexico		Public	General Operating	800.
United Way of Santa Fe County		Public	General Operating	
Santa Fe, NM				1,500.
Vallecitos Mountain Retreat Center		Public	General Operating General Operating	1,000.
Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian		Public	General Operating General Operating	1,000.
Wildlife Conservation Society		Public	General Operating	100.
YMCA of the Central Bay Area		Public	Y Scholars Program	300.
Youth Shelters and Family Services		Public	General Operating	1,500.
Total from continuation sheets				

Form 990-PF Dividends and Interest from Securities Statement 1

Source	Gross Amount	Capital Gains Dividends	(a) Revenue Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Charles Schwab - Dividends	26,031.	0.	26,031.	26,031.	
To Part I, line 4	26,031.	0.	26,031.	26,031.	

Form 990-PF Legal Fees Statement 2

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Gray Plant Mooty	1,765.	0.		1,765.
To Fm 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16a	1,765.	0.		1,765.

Form 990-PF Taxes Statement 3

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Excise Tax - 2015 990-PF	909.	0.		909.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 18	909.	0.		909.

Form 990-PF Other Expenses Statement 4

Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
State of Minnesota Charities Division Filing Fee	25.	0.		25.
ADR Pass Through Fees	16.	0.		16.
Foreign Tax Paid	65.	0.		65.
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 23	106.	0.		106.

Form 990-PF	Corporate Stock	Statement	5
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Description	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Charles Schwab	414,386.	834,720.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 10b	414,386.	834,720.

Form 990-PF	Other Investments	Statement	6
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Description	Valuation Method	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Charles Schwab	COST	17,548.	45,967.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part II, line 13		17,548.	45,967.