

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)

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OMB No. 1545-0047  
**2018**  
Open to Public Inspection

**A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2018, and ending 08-31-2019**

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
PUBLIC COUNSEL

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
610 S ARDMORE AVENUE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90005

**F** Name and address of principal officer:  
MARGARET MORROW  
610 S ARDMORE AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90005

**D** Employer identification number  
23-7105149

**E** Telephone number  
(213) 385-2977

**G** Gross receipts \$ 20,389,266

**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.PUBLICCOUNSEL.ORG

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

**L** Year of formation: 1970

**M** State of legal domicile: CA

## Part I Summary

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:  
ADVANCING EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW BY DELIVERING PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES (SEE SCHEDULE O). ADVANCING EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW BY DELIVERING PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENT AND UNDERREPRESENTED CHILDREN AND ADULTS, ENSURING THAT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE LEGAL SUPPORT, AND MOBILIZING THE PRO BONO RESOURCES OF THE PRIVATE BAR.

**2** Check this box  if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	86
<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	86
<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a)	5	167
<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	6,000
<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	12,097,611	11,669,156
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,867,979	2,514,640
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	236,872	202,743
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-69,854	-5,510
<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	14,132,608	14,381,029
<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	10,000	17,500
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	10,869,453	12,013,165
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 1,516,415		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	1,878,400	2,009,633
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	12,757,853	14,040,298
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,374,755	340,731
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	18,550,646	18,941,000
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,244,131	1,344,461
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	17,306,515	17,596,539

## 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: \*\*\*\*\*  
Date: 2020-07-11  
MARGARET MORROW PRESIDENT/CEO  
Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00637812
Firm's name ▶ ARMANINO LLP	Firm's EIN ▶ 94-6214841			
Firm's address ▶ 11766 WILSHIRE BLVD 9TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90025	Phone no. (310) 478-4148			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

**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:

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

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 2,521,877 including grants of \$ 2,500 ) (Revenue \$ 16,830 )  
 See Additional Data

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 2,342,069 including grants of \$ 5,000 ) (Revenue \$ 90,251 )  
 See Additional Data

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 2,257,596 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 453,678 )  
 See Additional Data

See Additional Data Table

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)  
 (Expenses \$ 4,278,868 including grants of \$ 10,000 ) (Revenue \$ 1,953,881 )

**4e Total program service expenses** ▶ 11,400,410

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No response. Rows include questions 1 through 22 regarding organizational requirements, such as political campaign activities, lobbying, and financial reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 23 through 38 regarding compensation, bond issues, escrow accounts, 501(c)(3) organizations, and controlled entities.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V [ ]

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.



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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (86); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (86); 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? (Yes); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (Yes); 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.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed (CA); 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A 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 [x] 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: LYNNIE BOLEN - CO PUBLIC COUNSEL 610 S ARDMORE AVE LOS ANGELES, CA 90005 (213) 385-2977





**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . .	<b>1a</b>			
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . .	<b>1b</b>			
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . .	<b>1c</b>	2,178,038		
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>			
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	2,762,072		
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	6,729,046		
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f: \$		245,465		
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		11,669,156		

<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			Business Code			
	<b>2a</b> ATTORNEYS FEES					
		541100	2,235,685	2,235,685		
	<b>b</b> PROGRAM SERVICE FEES					
		541100	261,355	261,355		
	<b>c</b> SEMINARS					
		900099	17,600	17,600		
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		2,514,640			

<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		154,962			154,962
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses					
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		5,920,496				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		5,872,715				
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
		47,781				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .			47,781		47,781
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 2,178,038 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b>	84,800			
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>	135,522				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .			-50,722		-50,722	
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
<b>11a</b> MISCELLANEOUS	900099	45,212			45,212	
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		45,212				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See Instructions. . . . .		14,381,029	2,514,640	0	197,233	

**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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	17,500	17,500		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	941,629	429,350	195,451	316,828
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	9,053,224	8,028,397	515,499	509,328
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	363,758	323,739	19,522	20,497
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	920,126	796,035	60,829	63,262
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	734,428	620,229	55,069	59,130
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .	19,628	19,628		
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	47,881		47,881	
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .	25,177		25,177	
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	429,903	76,572	89,071	264,260
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	173,410	100,103	40,551	32,756
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .				
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	363,802	300,067	27,451	36,284
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	196,316	188,105	1,198	7,013
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .				
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	179,450	150,738	13,459	15,253
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	75,303	52,080	4,650	18,573
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> DUES AND LIBRARY	114,768	90,492	3,884	20,392
<b>b</b> PROGRAM LITIGATION	109,676	109,676		
<b>c</b> RECRUITMENT	72,231	50,742		21,489
<b>d</b> MISCELLANEOUS	56,966	7,137	15,226	34,603
<b>e</b> All other expenses	145,122	39,820	8,555	96,747
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	14,040,298	11,400,410	1,123,473	1,516,415
<b>26</b> 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 Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	172,680	<b>1</b>	2,071,669
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	3,149,651	<b>2</b>	0
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	3,834,344	<b>3</b>	3,230,619
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	968,096	<b>4</b>	825,417
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	119,818	<b>9</b>	144,456
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	6,795,841		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	1,670,648		
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	3,048,578	<b>11</b>	5,364,413
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	2,154,187	<b>12</b>	2,179,233
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	18,550,646	<b>16</b>	18,941,000	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	1,187,031	<b>17</b>	1,334,636
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	57,100	<b>19</b>	9,825
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 . . . . .		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	1,244,131	<b>26</b>	1,344,461
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets	11,018,194	<b>27</b>	11,683,414
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	6,288,321	<b>28</b>	5,913,125
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	17,306,515	<b>33</b>	17,596,539	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	18,550,646	<b>34</b>	18,941,000	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	14,381,029
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	14,040,298
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	340,731
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	17,306,515
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	-50,707
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	17,596,539

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990:  Cash  Accrual  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?  
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?  
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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.
- 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?
- 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.

	Yes	No
<b>2a</b>		No
<b>2b</b>	Yes	
<b>2c</b>	Yes	
<b>3a</b>		No
<b>3b</b>		

## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:**

IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS: PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION TO INDIVIDUALS SEEKING ASYLUM ON THE BASIS OF PERSECUTION DUE TO NATIONALITY, RACE, RELIGION, POLITICAL OPINION OR MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP. PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ALSO REPRESENT VICTIMS OF CRIMES WHO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR IMMIGRATION BENEFITS THROUGH COOPERATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS IMMIGRANTS WHO HAVE SUFFERED ABUSE AT THE HAND OF CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT SPOUSES. STAFF ATTORNEYS AND VOLUNTEERS ALSO REPRESENT ABUSED, ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN WHO CANNOT REUNIFY WITH THEIR PARENT/S, UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AND FAMILIES FLEEING VIOLENCE IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES, AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS. STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ALSO PROVIDE ADVICE, EDUCATION AND REPRESENTATION TO IMMIGRANTS IN DETENTION, AND DEPORTED VETERANS. (THE REVENUE REPORTED HERE IS THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPT FUNCTION REVENUE FROM FORM 990, PART VIII, COLUMN (B) ALLOCATED TO THIS PROGRAM.)

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:**

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS: PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF ATTORNEYS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL WORK INTERNS WORK WITH PRO BONO ATTORNEYS AND LAW STUDENTS TO EMPOWER CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO MEET THEIR WIDE RANGE OF NEEDS IN CIVIL LEGAL MATTERS, INCLUDING GUARDIANSHIP, EDUCATION RIGHTS, SPECIAL EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, FOSTER CARE BENEFITS, SCHOOL TRUANCY AND REMOVALS, AND TEEN PARENTING. WE ALSO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION TO CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE TERMINALLY ILL, AND ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. OUR EDUCATION RIGHTS ATTORNEYS WORK THROUGH EDUCATION, LITIGATION, LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND DIRECT LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH AND FAMILIES RECEIVE SUPPORTS THEY NEED TO SUCCEED AND WORK TO KEEP KIDS IN SCHOOL AND REDUCE OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING AND GRADUATION RATES AND STOP THE "SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE". AS PART OF OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN, OUR ADOPTIONS UNIT REPRESENTS PARENTS ADOPTING CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. (THE REVENUE REPORTED HERE IS THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPT FUNCTION REVENUE FROM FORM 990, PART VIII, COLUMN (B) ALLOCATED TO THIS PROGRAM.)

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:**

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION: PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STAFF ATTORNEYS AND INTAKE COORDINATORS PARTNER WITH VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS AND LAW STUDENTS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY BY FOCUSING ON THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE AT HIGH RISK OF ENDING UP HOMELESS OR BECOMING CHRONICALLY HOMELESS. WE PROVIDE ADVOCACY AND ADVICE TO IMPOVERISHED, HUNGRY AND HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS TO HELP THEM SECURE SHELTER, FOOD, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES. FOCUSED LEGAL CLINICS IN PARTS OF THE COUNTY WHERE FAMILIES ARE AT GREATER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS PROVIDE DIRECT ADVOCACY SERVICES TO AT-RISK FAMILIES TO ENABLE THEM TO ACCESS CASH AID, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND OTHER ESSENTIAL BENEFITS. WE ALSO PROVIDE PRO BONO EVICTION DEFENSE REPRESENTATION AS PART OF A PILOT PROGRAM TO DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN EVICTION MATTERS. OUR PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS TEAM REPRESENTS HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AND PEOPLE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SERVICE PLANNING AREA 6 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNTYWIDE EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS. (THE REVENUE REPORTED HERE IS THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPT FUNCTION REVENUE FROM FORM 990, PART VIII, COLUMN (B) ALLOCATED TO THIS PROGRAM.)

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

**Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.**

(Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,341,283 including grants of \$ 5,000 ) (Revenue \$ 704,419 )

CONSUMER RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE: PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STAFF ATTORNEYS AND VOLUNTEERS ADVANCE ECONOMIC JUSTICE BY PROVIDING LEGAL COUNSEL FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES, ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES IN BARGAINING POWER, OPPOSING THOSE WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE VULNERABLE, AND HOLDING WRONGDOERS ACCOUNTABLE. THEY PROVIDE DIRECT LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND EDUCATION TO INDIGENT CLIENTS INCLUDING HOMEOWNERS DEFRAUDED BY HOME EQUITY SCAM ARTISTS, PREDATORY LENDERS AND FORECLOSURE CONSULTANTS; VICTIMS OF CAR SCAMS; DEBTORS SUFFERING FROM COLLECTION AGENCY HARASSMENT, AND STUDENTS SCAMMED BY PREDATORY FOR-PROFIT COLLEGES, AND ENFORCE RIGHTS RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT, FINANCIAL ABUSE, AND CIVIL RIGHTS. PUBLIC COUNSEL'S DEBTOR ASSISTANCE PROJECT (DAP) PROVIDES LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME DEBTORS CONFRONTING VARIOUS LEGAL BANKRUPTCY ISSUES AND CONCERNS, AND OPERATES A BANKRUPTCY SELF-HELP CENTER AND CLINIC AT THE BANKRUPTCY COURT. PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ALSO OPERATE A SELF-HELP CLINIC FOR UNREPRESENTED INDIGENT LITIGANTS IN THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, EDUCATE LITIGANTS ABOUT FEDERAL COURT PROCEDURES, AND PROVIDE DIRECT REPRESENTATION TO INDIGENT LITIGANTS IN FEDERAL COURT THROUGH STAFF ATTORNEYS AND PRO BONO ATTORNEYS. (THE REVENUE REPORTED HERE IS THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPT FUNCTION REVENUE FROM FORM 990, PART VIII, COLUMN (B) ALLOCATED TO THIS PROGRAM.)

(Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,257,206 including grants of \$ 2,500 ) (Revenue \$ 195,792 )

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL AND CAPACITY BUILDING SERVICES (INCLUDING TRANSACTIONAL LEGAL SERVICES SUCH AS CONTRACTS, TAX AND CORPORATE COMPLIANCE, EMPLOYMENT LAW AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, LAND USE, AND FORMATION OF NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS) FOR NONPROFITS THAT ASSIST LOWER INCOME PEOPLE AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND LOW INCOME ENTREPRENEURS LOCATED IN, AND EMPLOYING RESIDENTS OF, LOW INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, INCLUDING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHO CARE FOR LOW INCOME CHILDREN. OUR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, PRESERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT UNIT USES ADVOCACY, LITIGATION AND LAND USE TOOLS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOWER INCOME PERSONS. OUR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION LAW UNIT WORKS TO SUPPORT GREATER ACCESS TO QUALITY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION BY HELPING TO EXPAND CHILD CARE CENTERS, PROVIDING EDUCATION AND SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO WANT TO START A CHILDCARE BUSINESS, AND WORKING WITH STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE. (THE REVENUE REPORTED HERE IS THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPT FUNCTION REVENUE FROM FORM 990, PART VIII, COLUMN (B) ALLOCATED TO THIS PROGRAM.)

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

**Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.**

(Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,035,735 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 957,227 )

IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT: PUBLIC COUNSEL'S IMPACT LITIGATION TEAM (OPPORTUNITY UNDER LAW) BUILDS ON PUBLIC COUNSEL'S LONGSTANDING ECONOMIC JUSTICE PRACTICE. PUBLIC COUNSEL OPPORTUNITY UNDER LAW BRINGS SUIT IN FEDERAL AND STATE COURTS TO COMBAT ECONOMIC INJUSTICE THROUGH LITIGATION AND OTHER MEANS. THE LAWSUITS THIS PROJECT INITIATES AFFECT LARGE GROUPS WITHIN PUBLIC COUNSEL'S SERVICE FOCUS. (THE REVENUE REPORTED HERE IS THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPT FUNCTION REVENUE FROM FORM 990, PART VIII, COLUMN (B) ALLOCATED TO THIS PROGRAM.)

(Code: ) (Expenses \$ 374,923 including grants of \$ 2,500 ) (Revenue \$ 48,794 )

WOMEN AND GIRLS' RIGHTS: PUBLIC COUNSEL'S AUDREY IRMAS PROJECT FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS' RIGHTS LAUNCHED IN MAY 2017. THE GOAL OF THE PROJECT IS TO ADVANCE EQUALITY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR LOW INCOME WOMEN AND GIRLS, WHILE DEEPENING PUBLIC COUNSEL'S EXISTING WORK ON GENDER-RELATED ISSUES ACROSS PROJECT AREAS. IN ADDITION TO DIRECT SERVICES, THE PROJECT WORKS WITH PARTNERS IN SYSTEMS CHANGE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND GIRLS AND INCREASE THEIR ACCESS TO JUSTICE. THE PROJECT IS CURRENTLY FOCUSING ON THREE KEY AREAS: ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITY, INCLUDING WORKPLACE RIGHTS AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS; GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT (ALLIANCE FOR GIRLS, SCHOOLS K-12); AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF WOMEN VETERANS. (THE REVENUE REPORTED HERE IS THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPT FUNCTION REVENUE FROM FORM 990, PART VIII, COLUMN (B) ALLOCATED TO THIS PROGRAM.)

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**Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.**

(Code: ) (Expenses \$ 269,721 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 47,649 )

VETERANS BENEFITS: PUBLIC COUNSEL'S VETERANS PROJECT (THE CENTER FOR VETERANS ADVANCEMENT) WORKS TO OVERCOME HOMELESSNESS, POVERTY, AND LOSS OF QUALITY OF LIFE AMONG VETERANS. PUBLIC COUNSEL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO VETERANS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS TO HELP THEM SECURE THE GOVERNMENT BENEFITS EARNED THROUGH THEIR SERVICE, AND OVERCOME BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, MEDICAL CARE AND/OR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. PUBLIC COUNSEL'S STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS REPRESENT VETERANS IN STATE COURTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS. (THE REVENUE REPORTED HERE IS THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPT FUNCTION REVENUE FROM FORM 990, PART VIII, COLUMN (B) ALLOCATED TO THIS PROGRAM.)

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MICHAEL H STEINBERG ..... BOARD CHAIR	5.00 .....	X		X				0	0	0
PHILIP E COOK ..... BOARD VICE CHAIR	3.00 .....	X		X				0	0	0
JONATHAN H ANSCHELL ..... BOARD TREASURER	3.00 .....	X		X				0	0	0
KAREN N FREDERIKSEN ..... BOARD SECRETARY	3.00 .....	X		X				0	0	0
RAND S APRIL ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
WAYNE M BARSKY ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JAMIE BRODER ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
DANIEL CLIVNER ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
KARLENE GOLLER ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MATTHEW T HEARTNEY ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
DAVID G JOHNSON ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
STEPHEN E PICKETT ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
ROBERT F SCOULAR ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
ROMAN M SILBERFELD ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
BRIAN R STRANGE ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
PAUL W SWEENEY ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
GAIL MIGDAL TITLE ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MARTIN S ZOHN ..... PAST CHAIR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
TANYA M ACKER ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
ANGELA C AGRUSA ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
LAURA M AHART ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JENNIFER S BALDOCCHI ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
DR YING CHEN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
VINCENT H CHIEFFO ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
ROSEMARIE CHIUSANO-DROHAN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
ALLISON CHOCK ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MORGAN CHU ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
ALFRED M CLARK ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
CARMEN J COLE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
CORY COPELAND ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
KEVIN COPS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
BRUCE CORMICLE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
BERT H DEIXLER ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MICHAEL J FINNEGAN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
WILLIAM FLUMENBAUM ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
LAURENCE R GOLDMAN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
DANIEL GRUNFELD ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MARK E HADDAD ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JACQUELINE J HARDING ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
YAKUB HAZZARD ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
CHRISTOPHER M HOPKINS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
KATHY J HUANG ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MELISSA D INGALLS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
PETER J KENNEDY ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MOE KESHAVARZI ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JESSIE A KOHLER ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
TONY LEE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JEROME L LEVINE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
DAVID R LIRA ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
BARBARA E MATHEWS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
SHARON BEN-SHAHAR MAYER ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JOHN M MCCOY III ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MARK R MCDONALD ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MARCELLUS A MCRAE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MARTIN R MELONE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
OWEN W MURRAY ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
STEVEN A NISSEN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
THOMAS J NOLAN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
NEIL R O'HANLON ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
LAURA R PETROFF ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
KATE PHELAN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
STACY D PHILLIPS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
BARRY PORTER ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
WILLIAM T QUICKSILVER ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
SHANA E RAMIREZ ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
PHILIP R RECHT ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
FRANK REDDICK ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
KEVIN D RISING ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
GREGORY ROBINS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JOHN A ROGOVIN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
ALEXANDRA A ROJE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
RICK R ROTHMAN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JASON RUSSELL ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MARC L SALLUS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MARK A SAMUELS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
STUART N SENATOR ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
STEPHEN M SHERLINE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MICHAEL S SPINDLER ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
DEBORAH L STEIN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JOSH F STINN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0

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G THOMAS STROMBERG ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
RANDALL J SUNSHINE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JOEL R WEINER ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
ROBERT S WOLFE ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
JARED M WOLFF ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
LAURA A WYTSMA ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 .....	X						0	0	0
MARGARET MORROW ..... PRESIDENT & CEO	60.00 .....			X				234,228	0	7,279
SHARI BARTZ-TAYLOR ..... FORMER VP FINANCE	55.00 .....			X				22,167	0	13,297
NORMAN BULLOCK ..... FORMER CFO	55.00 .....			X				12,974	0	0
ELIZABETH BLUESTEIN ..... COO/VP/GENERAL COUNSEL	55.00 .....			X				188,303	0	19,671

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MARK ROSENBAUM ..... DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55.00 .....				X			205,853	0	12,687
TRACY RICE ..... VP DEVELOPMENT	55.00 .....				X			184,753	0	10,457
ANNE RICHARDSON ..... DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55.00 .....					X		149,675	0	7,070
MICHAEL MICHNER ..... DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	55.00 .....					X		145,523	0	24,444
SHASHI HANUMAN ..... DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55.00 .....					X		127,082	0	13,855
NISHA VYAS ..... DIRECTING ATTORNEY	55.00 .....					X		117,451	0	3,313
DAVID DANIELS ..... DIRECTOR PRO BONO	55.00 .....					X		116,168	0	14,650

**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.  
▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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Name of the organization  
PUBLIC COUNSEL

Employer identification number  
23-7105149

**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 **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		
<b>Total</b>						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv), 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)**

(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) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>1</b>	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	10,447,264	11,275,889	10,879,976	12,097,611	11,669,156	56,369,896
<b>2</b>	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>3</b>	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
<b>4</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	10,447,264	11,275,889	10,879,976	12,097,611	11,669,156	56,369,896
<b>5</b>	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)						869,503
<b>6</b>	<b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						55,500,393

**Section B. Total Support**

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2014	(b)2015	(c)2016	(d)2017	(e)2018	(f)Total
<b>7</b>	Amounts from line 4. . . . .	10,447,264	11,275,889	10,879,976	12,097,611	11,669,156	56,369,896
<b>8</b>	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	101,150	90,410	90,377	103,100	142,694	527,731
<b>9</b>	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . . . .						
<b>10</b>	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). . . . .	36,962	10,278	72,337	35,478	45,212	200,267
<b>11</b>	<b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						57,097,894
<b>12</b>	Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					<b>12</b>	10,582,943

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

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b>	Public support percentage for 2018 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	97.200 %
<b>15</b>	Public support percentage for 2017 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	96.680 %

- 16a 33 1/3% support test—2018.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .
- b 33 1/3% support test—2017.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .
- 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2018.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .
- b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .
- 18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 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) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>1</b>	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . .						
<b>2</b>	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 . . .						
<b>3</b>	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . .						
<b>4</b>	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . .						
<b>5</b>	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . .						
<b>6</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . .						
<b>7a</b>	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . .						
<b>b</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. . .						
<b>c</b>	Add lines 7a and 7b. . .						
<b>8</b>	<b>Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . .						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶		(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
<b>9</b>	Amounts from line 6. . .						
<b>10a</b>	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . .						
<b>b</b>	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975. . .						
<b>c</b>	Add lines 10a and 10b. . .						
<b>11</b>	Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . .						
<b>12</b>	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . .						
<b>13</b>	<b>Total support.</b> (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**

<b>15</b>	Public support percentage for 2018 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b>	Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b>	Investment income percentage for <b>2018</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b>	Investment income percentage from <b>2017</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2018.** 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—2017.** 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
<b>1</b>	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>		
	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b>	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>		
	<b>2</b>		
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
	<b>3a</b>		
<b>b</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>		
	<b>3b</b>		
<b>c</b>	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>		
	<b>3c</b>		
<b>4a</b>	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>		
	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</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>		
	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	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>		
	<b>4c</b>		
<b>5a</b>	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
	<b>5a</b>		
<b>b</b>	<b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
	<b>5b</b>		
<b>c</b>	<b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
	<b>5c</b>		
<b>6</b>	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>		
	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b>	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>		
	<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b>	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>		
	<b>8</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
	<b>9a</b>		
<b>b</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>		
	<b>9b</b>		
<b>c</b>	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>		
	<b>9c</b>		
<b>10a</b>	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>		
	<b>10a</b>		
<b>b</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>		
	<b>10b</b>		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

		Yes	No
<b>11</b>	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b>	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>b</b>	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b>	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>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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>		
<b>2</b>	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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?		
<b>2</b>	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>		
<b>3</b>	By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b>	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year ( <b>see instructions</b> ):		
<b>a</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.		
<b>b</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.		
<b>c</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in <b>Part VI</b> how you supported a government entity (see instructions)		
<b>2</b>	Activities Test. <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
<b>b</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>		
<b>3</b>	Parent of Supported Organizations. <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b>		
<b>a</b>	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>		
<b>b</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>		

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

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

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1 through 3	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	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)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	<b>1</b>	
<b>a</b>	Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>	
<b>e</b>	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Multiply line 5 by .035	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b>	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Enter 85% of line 1	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<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)**

<b>Section D - Distributions</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

<b>Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)</b>	<b>(i) Excess Distributions</b>	<b>(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2018</b>	<b>(iii) Distributable Amount for 2018</b>
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2018 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018:			
<b>a</b> From 2013. . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2014. . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2015. . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2016. . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2017. . . . .			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2013 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2018 from Section D, line 7:			
\$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2018, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2018. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2019.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2014. . . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2015. . . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2016. . . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2017. . . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2018. . . . .			

## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 23-7105149

**Name:** PUBLIC COUNSEL

**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**

**SCHEDULE C**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)  
  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**  
For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527  
  
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**1** Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")

**2** Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) .....

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

**1** Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3** If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....  Yes  No

**4a** Was a correction made? .....  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

**1** Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? .....  Yes  No

**5** Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

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

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....	2,688													
<b>b</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....	33,047													
<b>c</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....	35,735													
<b>d</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures .....	14,004,563													
<b>e</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....	14,040,298													
<b>f</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	852,015													
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
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Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....	213,004													
<b>h</b>	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0													
<b>i</b>	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....	0													
<b>j</b>	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

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

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	741,269	762,405	787,893	852,015	3,143,582
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					4,715,373
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	24,353	25,243	46,233	35,735	131,564
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	185,317	190,601	196,973	213,004	785,895
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,178,843
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	1,360	695	4,977	2,688	9,720

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

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

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

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

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

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

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

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)  
  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ 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.  
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**Name of the organization**  
PUBLIC COUNSEL

**Employer identification number**  
23-7105149

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year . . . . .		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year . . . . .		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? . . . . .  Yes  No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? . . . . .  Yes  No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)  Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of a certified historic structure

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.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements . . . . .	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements . . . . .	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) . . . . .	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register . . . . .	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? . . . . .  Yes  No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? . . . . .  Yes  No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a**  Public exhibition
  - b**  Scholarly research
  - c**  Preservation for future generations
  - d**  Loan or exchange programs
  - e**  Other .....
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . .  **Yes**  **No**

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? . . . . .  **Yes**  **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance . . . . .             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year . . . . .     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year . . . . . | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance . . . . .                | <b>1f</b> |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .	619,068	479,860	384,315	335,272	292,926
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .	62,825	46,350	46,190	46,140	46,355
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses . . . . .	6,785	92,858	62,464	15,109	7,343
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .	15,000		3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .	9,123		10,109	9,206	8,352
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .	664,555	619,068	479,860	384,315	335,272

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 100.000 %
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶ .....
  - 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:
- |  | Yes           | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations . . . . .   | <b>3a(i)</b>  | No |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations . . . . .  | <b>3a(ii)</b> | No |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . | <b>3b</b>     |    |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .		2,864,021		2,864,021
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .		3,587,449		3,587,449
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .			1,382,521	-1,382,521
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		344,371	288,127	56,244
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				5,125,193

**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) CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - NON-PUBLICLY TRADED	2,179,233	F
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	2,179,233	

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (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)	
<b>Total.</b> (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)	
<b>Total.</b> (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.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	14,472,007
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	-50,707
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	116,140
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	50,722
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	116,155
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	14,355,852
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b> :		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	25,177
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	25,177
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	14,381,029

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	14,181,983
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	116,140
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	50,722
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	166,862
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	14,015,121
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	25,177
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	25,177
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	14,040,298

**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

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 23-7105149

**Name:** PUBLIC COUNSEL

## Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART V, LINE 4:	A PORTION OF THE EARNINGS FROM THE QUASI-ENDOWMENT FUNDS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD TO BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. THE REMAINDER OF THE EARNINGS ARE NOT DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD FOR ANY SPECIFIED PROGRAMS BUT ARE AVAILABLE TO BE USED FOR OPERATIONS.

## Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2:	PUBLIC COUNSEL HAS EVALUATED ITS TAX POSITIONS PURSUANT TO ASC 740 AND DETERMINED IT HAS NOT TAKEN ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT TO OR DISCLOSURE IN ITS AUGUST 31, 2019, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

# Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	EVENT EXPENSES 50,722.

# Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:	EVENT EXPENSES 50,722.

SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
b Internet and email solicitations
c Phone solicitations
d In-person solicitations
e Solicitation of non-government grants
f Solicitation of government grants
g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser), (ii) Activity, (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?, (iv) Gross receipts from activity, (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i), (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization. Includes a Total row at the bottom.

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

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

		(a)Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c)Other events	(d)
		<u>DOUGLAS DINNER</u> (event type)	<u>RUN FOR JUSTICE</u> (event type)	<u>2</u> (total number)	Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	2,058,019	148,703	56,116	2,262,838
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions . . . . .	1,973,219	148,703	56,116	2,178,038
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	84,800			84,800
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .		2,031		2,031
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .	27,240	7,720	730	35,690
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .	38	104	142	284
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	89,640	7,216	661	97,517
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				135,522
<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶				-50,722	

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

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

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No

**12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No

**13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

<b>a</b> The organization's facility	<b>13a</b>	%
<b>b</b> An outside facility	<b>13b</b>	%

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

Name ▶ .....

Address ▶ .....

**15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No

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

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

Name ▶ .....

Address ▶ .....

**16** Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ .....

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ .....

Description of services provided ▶ .....

- Director/officer                       Employee                       Independent contractor

**17** Mandatory distributions:

**a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No

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

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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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.

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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...
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.

Table with 8 columns: (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, (g) Description of noncash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Rows 1-12.

- 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 noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1) SCHOLARSHIPS	5	17,500			
(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:	FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, THE RECIPIENTS ARE SELECTED BASED ON OBJECTIVE CRITERIA BY THE FUNDING SOURCES.

**Schedule J**  
(Form 990)

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**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.  
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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	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"/>	Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)
<b>b</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	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b>	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?	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Compensation committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/>	Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Compensation survey or study
<input type="checkbox"/>	Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Approval by the board or compensation committee
<b>4</b>	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:		
<b>a</b>	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	<b>4a</b>	No
<b>b</b>	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	<b>4b</b>	No
<b>c</b>	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	<b>4c</b>	No
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.			
<b>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</b>			
<b>5</b>	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:		
<b>a</b>	The organization?	<b>5a</b>	No
<b>b</b>	Any related organization?	<b>5b</b>	No
If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.			
<b>6</b>	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:		
<b>a</b>	The organization?	<b>6a</b>	No
<b>b</b>	Any related organization?	<b>6b</b>	No
If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.			
<b>7</b>	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	<b>7</b>	No
<b>8</b>	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.	<b>8</b>	No
<b>9</b>	If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	<b>9</b>	

**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 MARGARET MORROW PRESIDENT & CEO	(i)	234,228	0	0	7,050	229	241,507	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 ELIZABETH BLUESTEIN COO/VP/GENERAL COUNSEL	(i)	188,303	0	0	14,446	5,225	207,974	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 MARK ROSENBAUM DIRECTING ATTORNEY	(i)	205,853	0	0	6,450	6,237	218,540	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 TRACY RICE VP DEVELOPMENT	(i)	172,253	12,500	0	8,296	2,161	195,210	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 ANNE RICHARDSON DIRECTING ATTORNEY	(i)	149,675	0	0	4,732	2,338	156,745	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 MICHAEL MICHNER DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	(i)	138,023	7,500	0	11,751	12,693	169,967	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Part III**    **Supplemental Information**

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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.

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**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**  
 ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**  
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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
<b>1</b> Art—Works of art . . . . .				
<b>2</b> Art—Historical treasures . . . . .				
<b>3</b> Art—Fractional interests . . . . .				
<b>4</b> Books and publications . . . . .				
<b>5</b> Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
<b>6</b> Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Boats and planes . . . . .				
<b>8</b> Intellectual property . . . . .				
<b>9</b> Securities—Publicly traded . . . . .	X	7	38,515	FMV - QUOTED PRICES
<b>10</b> Securities—Closely held stock . . . . .				
<b>11</b> Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
<b>12</b> Securities—Miscellaneous . . . . .				
<b>13</b> Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures . . . . .				
<b>14</b> Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . . . .				
<b>15</b> Real estate—Residential . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Real estate—Commercial . . . . .				
<b>17</b> Real estate—Other . . . . .				
<b>18</b> Collectibles . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Food inventory . . . . .				
<b>20</b> Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Taxidermy . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Historical artifacts . . . . .				
<b>23</b> Scientific specimens . . . . .				
<b>24</b> Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
<b>25</b> Other ▶ ( AUCTION ITEMS )	X	158	206,950	RETAIL
<b>26</b> Other ▶ ( DONATED ATTORNEY HOURS )	X	137,000	0	
<b>27</b> Other ▶ ( _____ )				
<b>28</b> 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**

	Yes	No
<b>30a</b> 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? . . . . .		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
<b>31</b> Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?	Yes	
<b>32a</b> Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .	Yes	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
<b>33</b> 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, LINE 32B:	A NON-CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SERVICE (KNOCKOUT PRODUCTIONS) PROVIDED SOLICITATION OF MEMORABILIA, HOTEL STAYS, WINES, ART WORK AND OTHER UNIQUE ITEMS FOR FUNDRAISING AUCTIONS. KNOCKOUT PRODUCTIONS NOT ONLY PROVIDED PUBLIC COUNSEL WITH UNIQUE AUCTION ITEMS, BUT THEY ALSO CATALOGUED AND STORED THE ITEMS, CREATED BID SHEETS AND DESCRIPTIONS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING OPENING BIDS AND MINIMUM RAISES FOR THE ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THEY PROVIDED A STAFF OF 6 PEOPLE TO SET-UP AND HANDLE THE SILENT AUCTION ON THE EVENING OF THE EVENT AS WELL AS ITEM DISTRIBUTION.
PART I, LINE 33:	PUBLIC COUNSEL RECEIVED FREE ACCESS TO ONE ONLINE LEGAL SERVICE. PUBLIC COUNSEL ALSO RECEIVED FREE EMPLOYEE AND VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES AND DISCOUNTED COURT FILING, RESEARCH AND PROCESS SERVICES. PUBLIC COUNSEL WAS ALSO REPRESENTED ON A PRO BONO BASIS IN CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS. APPROXIMATELY 137,000 HOURS OF CONTRIBUTED LEGAL SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY ATTORNEYS, LAW STUDENTS, AND PARALEGALS TO CLIENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION. NO VALUE WAS REPORTED FOR THESE NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS AS DONATED SERVICES ARE NOT REPORTED FOR FORM 990 PURPOSES.

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	PUBLIC COUNSEL HAS TWO MEMBERS: THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (LACBA) AND THE BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION (BHBA).

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	PUBLIC COUNSELS BYLAWS PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED BOARD MEMBERS IS 100. LACBA HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT 17 AND BHBA HAS THE RIGHT TO APPOINT 8 OF PUBLIC COUNSELS BOARD MEMBERS, WITH EACH SUCH APPOINTED MEMBER SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN INDEPENDENT CPA, REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY MANAGEMENT AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, AND SUBMITTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL APPROVAL. A COPY OF THE FINAL FORM 990 IS THEN SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO IT BEING FILED.

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS FURNISHED ANNUALLY TO EACH DIRECTOR, OFFICER, AND KEY EMPLOYEE. THE FORMS ARE REVIEWED AND SIGNED WITH ANY CONFLICTS NOTED AND RETURNED TO A STAFF MEMBER WHO HANDLES BOARD AFFAIRS.

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S CEO, OTHER COMPENSATED OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES IS APPROVED BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AFTER CONSIDERATION OF COMPARABLE SALARIES PAID BY SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS AND ITS DECISIONS ARE CONTEMPORANEOUSLY DOCUMENTED.

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO EXECUTIVE STAFF AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. UPON REQUEST FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, PUBLIC COUNSEL WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THESE DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.