

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

- ▶ Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
- ▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No. 1545-0047

# 2018

**Open to Public Inspection**

**A** For the **2018** calendar year, or tax year beginning **07/01, 2018**, and ending **06/30, 2019**

**B** Check if applicable:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Address change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name change
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initial return
<input type="checkbox"/>	Terminated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amended return
<input type="checkbox"/>	Application pending

**C** Name of organization: **NRDC ACTION FUND INC.**  
 Doing Business As: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: **40 WEST 20TH STREET**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **NEW YORK, NY 10011**

**D** Employer identification number: **13-3976062**

**E** Telephone number: **(212) 727-2700**

**F** Name and address of principal officer: **GINA MCCARTHY, PRESIDENT & CEO**  
**SAME AS C ABOVE**

**G** Gross receipts \$: **15,172,296.**

**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)

**I** Tax-exempt status:  501(c)(3)  501(c)(4) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: **WWW.NRDCACTIONFUND.ORG**

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

**L** Year of formation: **1996** **M** State of legal domicile: **NY**

## Part I Summary

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>THE NRDC ACTION FUND'S MISSION IS TO BUILD POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR ADVANCING THE GOALS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL.</u>
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <b>3</b> <b>16.</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) <b>4</b> <b>13.</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a) <b>5</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) <b>6</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 <b>7a</b> <b>0.</b>
<b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 <b>7b</b> <b>0.</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) <b>5,056,695.</b> <b>15,102,096.</b>
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) <b>0.</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) <b>0.</b> <b>70,200.</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) <b>0.</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) <b>5,056,695.</b> <b>15,172,296.</b>
	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) <b>876,000.</b> <b>689,000.</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) <b>0.</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) <b>1,472,684.</b> <b>1,861,620.</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) <b>0.</b> <b>0.</b>
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>2,127,086.</b>
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) <b>3,489,647.</b> <b>5,156,902.</b>
	<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) <b>5,838,331.</b> <b>7,707,522.</b>
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 <b>-781,636.</b> <b>7,464,774.</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16) <b>2,045,441.</b> <b>9,719,489.</b>
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) <b>734,195.</b> <b>943,469.</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 <b>1,311,246.</b> <b>8,776,020.</b>

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Type or print name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: <b>SCOTT THOMPSETT</b>	Preparer's signature: <i>Scott Thompson</i>	Date: <b>5/18/2020</b>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN: <b>P00741490</b>
Firm's name: <b>GRANT THORNTON LLP</b>	Firm's EIN: <b>36-6055558</b>		Phone no.: <b>212-599-0100</b>	
Firm's address: <b>757 THIRD AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017-2013</b>				

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. Form **990** (2018)

# Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form8868](http://www.irs.gov/Form8868) for the latest information.**

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits](http://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits).

**Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Type or print	Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions	
	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.	Employer identification number (EIN) or
	NRDC ACTION FUND INC.	13-3976062
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	Social security number (SSN)
	40 WEST 20TH STREET	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.	
	NEW YORK, NY 10011	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) . . . . .

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

VERONICA FOO, CFO

• The books are in the care of ▶ 40 WEST 20TH STREET NEW YORK NY 10011

Telephone No. ▶ 212 727-2700 Fax No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ . If this is for the whole group, check this box  . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until 05/15, 2020, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- ▶  calendar year 20 \_\_\_\_ or
- ▶  tax year beginning 07/01, 2018, and ending 06/30, 2019.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$	0.
<b>b</b> If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$	0.
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$	0.

**Caution:** If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

**For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.**

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III  Yes  No

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

ATTACHMENT 1

**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 \$ 5,207,656. including grants of \$ 689,000. ) (Revenue \$ 0. )

ATTACHMENT 2

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses ▶ 5,207,656.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Rows 1-21 with various questions regarding organizational activities and reporting requirements.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements and reporting obligations.

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, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096, W-2G forms, and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response boxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (16), 1b (13), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, 9.

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, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ATTACHMENT 3
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
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

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

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) WENDY ABRAMS DIRECTOR (THRU 12/2018)	1.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) JOHN H. ADAMS DIRECTOR	1.00 20.00	X						0.	175,000.	24,491.
(3) CHRISTOPHER ARNDT DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) RICHARD E. AYRES DIRECTOR	1.00 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) ANNE BARTLEY DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) PATRICIA BAUMAN CHAIR/DIRECTOR	1.00 1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(7) HAMILTON CANDEE DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) BOB EPSTEIN DIRECTOR (THRU 07/2018)	1.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) MICHAEL FINNEGAN DIRECTOR (THRU 03/2019)	1.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) VERNICE MILLER-TRAVIS DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) EDWARD JAMES OLMOS DIRECTOR (THRU 03/2019)	1.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) DANIEL R. TISHMAN DIRECTOR	1.00 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) ERIC WEPSIC DIRECTOR	1.00 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) IRA ZIERING DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X						0.	0.	0.



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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
( 15) KATHLEEN WELCH ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
( 16) JOANN KAPLAN ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 17) SIGMUND ANDERMAN ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 18) JILL SOFFER ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 19) FRANCES BEINECKE ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 3.00	X						0.	33,973.	0.
( 20) RHEA SUH ----- PRESIDENT	1.00 ----- 40.00	X		X				0.	526,053.	40,943.
( 21) MARIPAT ALPUCHE ----- SECRETARY	1.00 ----- 1.00			X				0.	0.	0.
( 22) JENNIFER REYNOSO ----- ASST. SECRETARY (THRU 03/2019)	1.00 ----- 0.			X				0.	0.	0.
( 23) STEVEN BAGINSKI ----- CFO/TREAS(THRU 03/19)/FIN ADV	1.00 ----- 40.00			X				0.	253,962.	39,931.
( 24) KEVIN CURTIS ----- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00 ----- 0.			X				0.	222,325.	37,750.
( 25) ANDREW JACKSON ----- CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	1.00 ----- 40.00			X				0.	285,279.	35,934.
<b>1b Sub-total</b> . . . . .								0.	175,000.	24,491.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> . . . . .								0.	1,875,611.	246,503.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> . . . . .								0.	2,050,611.	270,994.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 0.

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	X	
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> . . . . .		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
ATTACHMENT 4		

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ► 9

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
( 26) KRISTA MCMANUS ASST. SECRETARY (AS OF 03/2019)	1.00 0.			X				0.	0.	0.
( 27) AMANDA NG ASST. SECRETARY (AS OF 03/2019)	1.00 0.			X				0.	0.	0.
( 28) VERONICA FOO CFO/TREASURER (AS OF 03/2019)	1.00 0.			X				0.	0.	0.
( 29) DENIS DISON COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR	40.00 0.					X		0.	118,131.	18,059.
( 30) EMILY GRAY DIRECTOR OF DEV. ACTION FUND	40.00 0.					X		0.	128,866.	13,693.
( 31) MITCHELL BERNARD FORMER COO	1.00 40.00						X	0.	307,022.	60,193.
<b>1b Sub-total</b> . . . . .										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> . . . . .										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> . . . . .										

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0.**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	X	
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> . . . . .		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **0.**

**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>	625,950.				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>	2,210,000.				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) . . . . .	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . . . . .	<b>1f</b>	12,266,146.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ . . . . .		28,706.				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			15,102,096.			
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> _____	<b>Business Code</b>				
<b>b</b> _____							
<b>c</b> _____							
<b>d</b> _____							
<b>e</b> _____							
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue . . . . .							
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .				0.			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts). . . . .			70,200.			70,200.
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .			0.			
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .			0.			
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents . . . . .						
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses . . . . .						
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .			0.			
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .						
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .			0.			
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b>		0.			
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>		0.			
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .			0.			
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>		0.				
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>		0.				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .			0.				
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>		0.				
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>		0.				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .			0.				
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11a</b> _____							
<b>b</b> _____							
<b>c</b> _____							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .			0.				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions. . . . .			15,172,296.				70,200.

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

Table with 5 columns: (A) Total expenses, (B) Program service expenses, (C) Management and general expenses, (D) Fundraising expenses. Rows include categories like Grants, Salaries, Pension, Advertising, etc.

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing . . . . .	1,936,700.	<b>1</b>	785,674.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	0.	<b>2</b>	8,379,540.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	108,741.	<b>3</b>	554,275.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	0.	<b>4</b>	0.
	<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 . . . . .	0.	<b>5</b>	0.
	<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 . . . . .	0.	<b>6</b>	0.
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .	0.	<b>7</b>	0.
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	0.	<b>8</b>	0.
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	0.	<b>9</b>	0.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b>	0.	<b>10c</b> 0.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities . . . . .	0.	<b>11</b>	0.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0.	<b>12</b>	0.
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0.	<b>13</b>	0.
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .	0.	<b>14</b>	0.
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0.	<b>15</b>	0.
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	2,045,441.	<b>16</b>	9,719,489.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	626,706.	<b>17</b>	604,491.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .	0.	<b>18</b>	0.
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	0.	<b>19</b>	0.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .	0.	<b>20</b>	0.
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .	0.	<b>21</b>	0.
	<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 . . . . .	0.	<b>22</b>	0.
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0.	<b>23</b>	0.
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0.	<b>24</b>	0.
	<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 . . . . .	107,489.	<b>25</b>	338,978.
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	734,195.	<b>26</b>	943,469.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	0.	<b>27</b>	0.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	1,311,246.	<b>28</b>	8,776,020.
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	0.	<b>29</b>	0.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>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 . . . . .	1,311,246.	<b>33</b>	8,776,020.	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	2,045,441.	<b>34</b>	9,719,489.	

**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>	15,172,296.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	7,707,522.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	7,464,774.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	1,311,246.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	0.
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	0.
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	0.
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	0.
<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>	8,776,020.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
<b>b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
<b>c</b>	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.	X	
<b>3a</b>	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? . . . . .		X
<b>b</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.		

**Schedule of Contributors**

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▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.  
 ▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.

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Organization type (check one):

**Filers of:**

**Section:**

- Form 990 or 990-EZ  501(c)(4 ) (enter number) organization
- 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
- 527 political organization
- Form 990-PF  501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
- 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
- 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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**Part I** **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 2,780,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2		\$ 3,250,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3		\$ 2,210,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4		\$ 850,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5		\$ 500,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6		\$ 400,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)



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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 325,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8		\$ 300,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9		\$ 300,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10		\$ 255,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11		\$ 250,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
12		\$ 200,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13		\$ 200,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
14		\$ 165,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
15		\$ 250,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
16		\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
17		\$ 51,468.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
18		\$ 50,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
19	_____ _____ _____	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
20	_____ _____ _____	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
21	_____ _____ _____	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
22	_____ _____ _____	\$ 40,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
23	_____ _____ _____	\$ 34,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
24	_____ _____ _____	\$ 30,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
25		\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
26		\$ 20,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
27		\$ 15,100.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
28		\$ 10,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
29		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
30		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
31		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
32		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
33		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
34		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
35		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
36		\$ 9,950.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
37		\$ 9,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
38		\$ 6,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
39		\$ 6,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
40		\$ 6,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
41		\$ 5,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
42		\$ 5,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
43		\$ 5,095.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
44		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
45		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
46		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
47		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
48		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
49	_____ _____ _____	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
50	_____ _____ _____	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
51	_____ _____ _____	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
52	_____ _____ _____	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
53	_____ _____ _____	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
54	_____ _____ _____	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)



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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
55		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
56		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
57		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
58		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
59		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
60		\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**Part I** **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
61	_____ _____ _____	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
62	_____ _____ _____	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
63	_____ _____ _____	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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**Part II** **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
28	STOCK _____ _____ _____	\$ <u>10,000.</u>	<u>VAR</u>
36	STOCK _____ _____ _____	\$ <u>9,950.</u>	<u>VAR</u>
43	STOCK _____ _____ _____	\$ <u>5,095.</u>	<u>VAR</u>
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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**Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor.** Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2018**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **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.**

**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 organization NRDC ACTION FUND INC.	Employer identification number 13-3976062
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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) ▶ \$ 2,183,617.
- 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. . . . . ▶ \$ 2,183,617.
- 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 . . . . . ▶ \$ 2,183,617.
- 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)				

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2018

**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> <b>(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)</b>		<b>(a) Filing organization's totals</b>	<b>(b) Affiliated group totals</b>
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) . . . . .			
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .			
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) . . . . .			
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .			
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) . . . . .			
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.			
<b>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</b>	<b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</b>		
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.		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.		
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) . . . . .			
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .			
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -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)	<b>(a) 2015</b>	<b>(b) 2016</b>	<b>(c) 2017</b>	<b>(d) 2018</b>	<b>(e) Total</b>
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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)).

Table with 3 main columns: (a) Yes/No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation...; a Volunteers?; b Paid staff or management...; c Media advertisements?; d Mailings to members...; e Publications...; f Grants to other organizations...; g Direct contact with legislators...; h Rallies, demonstrations...; i Other activities?; j Total...; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?; b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912; c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912; d 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).

Table with 4 columns: Question, 1, Yes, No. Rows include: 1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?; 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?; 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?

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."

Table with 5 main rows: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members; 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid); a Current year; b Carryover from last year; c Total; 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues; 4 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?; 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

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.

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Blank lines for supplemental information.

**Part IV** Supplemental Information (continued)

SCHEDULE C, PART I-A, LINE 1

THE ACTION FUND'S POLITICAL EXPENDITURES DURING THIS PERIOD FOCUSED ON THE 2018 FEDERAL ELECTIONS AND PLANNING FOR THE 2020 FEDERAL ELECTIONS. THEY INCLUDED COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS ENCOURAGING VOTING AMONG CONSTITUENCIES CONCERNED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT. THE ACTION FUND PRODUCED BLOGS AND SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT HIGHLIGHTING CANDIDATES WHO WERE RUNNING ON PRO-ENVIRONMENT POSITIONS, AS WELL AS CALLING OUT THOSE WHO HELD ANTI-ENVIRONMENT POSITIONS.

\$389,624 OF THE TOTAL POLITICAL EXPENDITURES WAS SPENT ON STAFF SALARIES (INCLUDING BENEFITS AND OVERHEAD), WHILE THE REMAINING \$1,793,993 WAS SPENT ON DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES, INCLUDING CONSULTANTS AND OTHER VENDORS, ADVERTISING AND GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF POLITICAL EXPENDITURES REPRESENTS 28.33% PERCENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S OVERALL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.



SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No. 1545-0047

2018

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

NRDC ACTION FUND INC.

Employer identification number

13-3976062

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.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes questions 1-6 regarding donor advised funds.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Held at the End of the Tax Year. Includes questions 1-9 regarding 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.

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Includes questions 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b regarding art and historical treasures.

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2018

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?

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?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
Table with columns: Amount, 1c Beginning balance, 1d Additions during the year, 1e Distributions during the year, 1f Ending balance
2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Current year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows include: 1a Beginning of year balance, b Contributions, c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses, d Grants or scholarships, e Other expenditures for facilities and programs, f Administrative expenses, g End of year balance.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment %
b Permanent endowment %
c Temporarily restricted endowment %
The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows include: (i) unrelated organizations, (ii) related organizations, b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows include: 1a Land, b Buildings, c Leasehold improvements, d Equipment, e Other.

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<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.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
(1) Federal income taxes		
(2) DUE TO RELATED PARTIES	338,978.	
(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.

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include descriptions, sub-headers (2a-2d, 4a-4b), and totals (2e, 3, 4c, 5).

**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.

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include descriptions, sub-headers (2a-2d, 4a-4b), and totals (2e, 3, 4c, 5).

**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.

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**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

FORM 990, SCHEDULE D, PART X, LINE 2

NRDC ACTION FUND IS INCLUDED WITHIN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ITS PARENT, THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. THE BELOW FIN-48 FOOTNOTE IS REPRODUCED FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

NRDC FOLLOWS GUIDANCE THAT CLARIFIES THE ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN A TAX RETURN, INCLUDING ISSUES RELATING TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION AND MEASUREMENT. THIS GUIDANCE PROVIDES THAT THE TAX EFFECTS FROM AN UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION CAN ONLY BE RECOGNIZED IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IF THE POSITION IS "MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT" TO BE SUSTAINED IF THE POSITION WERE TO BE CHALLENGED BY A TAXING AUTHORITY. THE ASSESSMENT OF THE TAX POSITION IS BASED SOLELY ON THE TECHNICAL MERITS OF THE POSITION, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE TAX POSITION MAY BE CHALLENGED.

NRDC HAS PROCESSES PRESENTLY IN PLACE TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS; TO IDENTIFY AND REPORT UNRELATED INCOME; DETERMINE ITS FILING AND TAX OBLIGATIONS IN JURISDICTIONS FOR WHICH IT HAS NEXUS; AND TO REVIEW OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS. NRDC DOES NOT BELIEVE ITS 2019 AND 2018 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INCLUDE ANY MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS.

**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2018**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

Name of the organization

NRDC ACTION FUND INC.

Employer identification number

13-3976062

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
<b>(1)</b> ALASKA WILDERNESS ACTION 122 C ST. NW #240 WASHINGTON, DC 20001	30-0233489	501(C)(4)	70,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(2)</b> CLEAN AIR, CLEAN ENERGY WASHINGTON 603 STEWART ST. #819 SEATTLE, WA 98101	82-4455863	GOVERNMENT	40,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(3)</b> CONSERVATION VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA P.O. BOX 2125 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103	27-0800179	501(C)(4)	26,500.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(4)</b> EDF ACTION 257 PARK AVENUE SOUTH NEW YORK, NY 10010	90-0080500	501(C)(4)	90,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(5)</b> ENVIRONMENT AMERICA 218 D ST. SE, 2ND FL. WASHINGTON, DC 20003	20-5355252	501(C)(4)	30,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(6)</b> ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL 520 E. CAPITOL AVE SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701	37-0989990	501(C)(4)	10,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(7)</b> LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS, INC. 740 15TH ST NW WASHINGTON, DC 20005	52-1733698	501(C)(4)	212,500.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(8)</b> LOGIC ACTION 652 SUNDANCE CIRCLE ERIE, CO 80516	82-1937039	501(C)(4)	15,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(9)</b> NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTNERSHIP 110 MARYLAND AVE NE WASHINGTON, DC 20002	13-6996770	501(C)(3)	15,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(10)</b> NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL 40 WEST 20TH ST. NEW YORK, NY 10011	13-2654926	501(C)(3)	125,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(11)</b> OHIO CITIZEN ACTION 614 W. SUPERIOR AVE. CLEVELAND, OH 44113	34-1208942	501(C)(4)	15,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
<b>(12)</b> PROGRESSNOW COLORADO EDUCATION 1714 HUMBOLDT STREET DENVER, CO 80218	73-1674017	501(C)(3)	15,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY

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 ▶

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2018)

**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2018**

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Inspection**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

NRDC ACTION FUND INC.

Employer identification number

13-3976062

**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) RENEW OREGON ACTION FUND P.O. BOX 5999 PORTLAND, OR 97228	47-3840696	501(C)(4)	15,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
(2) VET VOICE FOUNDATION INC 2201 WISCONSIN AVE. NW WASHINGTON, DC 20007	26-4627222	501(C)(3)	10,000.				ENV. ADVOCACY
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 5.

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 9.

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2018)

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
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.

FORM 990, SCHEDULE I, LINE 2

IN FISCAL YEAR 2019, THE NRDC ACTION FUND INC. PROVIDED GRANTS TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES. NRDC ACTION FUND INC. ONLY PROVIDES FUNDING TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL MISSION THAT ALIGNS WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S OWN MISSION. GRANTEEES ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THE ORGANIZATION WITH PERIODIC STATUS REPORTS ABOUT THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS.



**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

NRDC ACTION FUND INC.

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

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Employer identification number

13-3976062

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes on 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

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
  - b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
  - c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
  - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
  - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		X
<b>4b</b>		X
<b>4c</b>		X
<b>5a</b>		X
<b>5b</b>		X
<b>6a</b>		X
<b>6b</b>		X
<b>7</b>		X
<b>8</b>		X
<b>9</b>		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2018

**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 aren't 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 JOHN H. ADAMS DIRECTOR	(i)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(ii)	175,000.	0.	0.	0.	24,491.	199,491.	0.
2 STEVEN BAGINSKI CFO/TREAS (THRU 03/19)/FIN ADV	(i)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(ii)	253,962.	0.	0.	18,238.	21,693.	293,893.	0.
3 KEVIN CURTIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(ii)	222,325.	0.	0.	16,096.	21,654.	260,075.	0.
4 ANDREW JACKSON CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	(i)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(ii)	285,279.	0.	0.	14,280.	21,654.	321,213.	0.
5 RHEA SUH PRESIDENT	(i)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(ii)	526,053.	0.	0.	19,250.	21,693.	566,996.	0.
6 MITCHELL BERNARD FORMER COO	(i)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(ii)	307,022.	0.	0.	38,500.	21,693.	367,215.	0.
7	(i)							
	(ii)							
8	(i)							
	(ii)							
9	(i)							
	(ii)							
10	(i)							
	(ii)							
11	(i)							
	(ii)							
12	(i)							
	(ii)							
13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

**Part III Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

## COMPENSATION INFORMATION

PART II, COMPENSATION REPORTING OF DIRECTOR, MR. JOHN H ADAMS

## COLUMN B(I): BASE COMPENSATION

AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE AS NRDC'S FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, JOHN ADAMS RETIRED ON APRIL 1, 2006. JOHN IS A PART-TIME CONSULTANT FOR NRDC AND RECEIVED \$175,000 FOR THESE SERVICES IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018.

COLUMN D: NONTAXABLE BENEFITS: AS PART OF HIS RETIREMENT AGREEMENT, NRDC PROVIDES JOHN ADAMS WITH MEDICAL BENEFITS VALUED AT \$24,491.

## FORM 990, PART VII &amp; SCHEDULE J, PART I

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS REPORTED ON NRDC ACTION FUND'S FORM 990, STEVEN BAGINSKI, MITCHELL BERNARD, ANDREW JACKSON, AND RHEA SUH RECEIVE THEIR COMPENSATION FROM THE PARENT ORGANIZATION, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. (NRDC). ACCORDINGLY, ALL COMPENSATION IS BEING REPORTED ON NRDC ACTION FUND'S FORM 990 AS RELATED ORGANIZATION COMPENSATION. HOWEVER, A PORTION OF EACH OFFICER'S COMPENSATION IS REIMBURSED BY NRDC ACTION FUND TO NRDC BASED ON SERVICES RENDERED TO NRDC ACTION FUND. IN

**Part III Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

THE INTEREST OF CLARITY, NRDC ACTION FUND IS DISCLOSING THE FOLLOWING  
SALARY AND BENEFITS AMOUNTS AS HAVING BEEN REIMBURSED BY NRDC ACTION FUND  
TO NRDC FOR THESE SERVICES:

	SALARY	BENEFITS
STEVEN BAGINSKI	\$929	\$267
MITCHELL BERNARD	\$85	\$23
ANDREW JACKSON	\$1,385	\$395
RHEA SUH	\$11,468	\$3,223

100% OF THE TIME OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS (OFFICER KEVIN CURTIS AND  
TOP 5 HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES, DENNIS DISON AND EMILY GRAY) IS SPENT  
PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE NRDC ACTION FUND. EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS  
RECEIVES THEIR W-2 FROM NRDC AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPENSATION (DISCLOSED  
IN PART VII OF THE FORM 990) IS REPORTED IN COLUMN E ACCORDINGLY.

NRDC ACTION FUND REIMBURSES NRDC FOR THE SERVICES OF OTHER NRDC  
EMPLOYEES. THOSE INDIVIDUALS DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OF AN OFFICER, KEY  
EMPLOYEE OR HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEE OF THE ACTION FUND AND

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**Part III Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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ACCORDINGLY ARE NOT DISCLOSED IN PART VII OR SCHEDULE J OF THE 990.

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

Name of the organization

NRDC ACTION FUND INC.

Employer identification number

13-3976062

**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art - Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art - Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .				
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles. . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities - Publicly traded . . . . .	X	4 .	28,706 .	FMV
10 Securities - Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate - Residential . . . . .				
16 Real estate - Commercial . . . . .				
17 Real estate - Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ▶ ( _____ )				
26 Other ▶ ( _____ )				
27 Other ▶ ( _____ )				
28 Other ▶ ( _____ )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement . . . . . **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? . . . . .		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions? . . . . .	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .	X	
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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**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.

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SCH M, PART I, LINE 32A

TO THE EXTENT THAT THE ORGANIZATION RECEIVES CONTRIBUTIONS OF STOCK, THE ORGANIZATION USES ITS INVESTMENT BROKER TO CONVERT THOSE STOCKS INTO CASH.

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

NRDC ACTION FUND INC.

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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FORM 990, PART VI - GOVERNING BODY AND MANAGEMENT

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 2

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS, BOB EPSTEIN AND PATRICIA BAUMAN, HAVE A  
BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS KATHLEEN WELCH AND DAN TISHMAN HAVE A BUSINESS  
RELATIONSHIP.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 6

NRDC ACTION FUND'S SOLE INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER IS ITS PARENT ORGANIZATION,  
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC ("NRDC").

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7A

THE SOLE INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER, NRDC, HAS THE SOLE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT  
NRDC ACTION FUND'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THIS POWER IS  
RESERVED TO NRDC IN NRDC ACTION FUND'S ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS.

POLICIES, PART VI - GOVERNANCE

990 REVIEW PROCESS FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11

NRDC ACTION FUND'S FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED  
ACCOUNTING FIRM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT  
AND FINANCIAL TEAM. UPON COMPLETION, NRDC'S EXTERNAL ACCOUNTING FIRM  
PRESENTS THE FORM 990 TO THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS TO ENABLE THEM TO FULFILL THEIR DUE DILIGENCE AND OVERSIGHT



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RESPONSIBILITIES. A COPY OF THE FINAL FORM 990 IS SHARED WITH THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO ITS ELECTRONIC FILING WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY MONITORING & ENFORCEMENT

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12

EACH OFFICER, DIRECTOR, AND KEY EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO ANNUALLY DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THAT ARISE BY VIRTUE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE ORGANIZATION, BOARD SERVICE, OR POSITION WITH EITHER NRDC ACTION FUND OR NRDC. NRDC ACTION FUND MONITORS COMPLIANCE WITH ITS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY THROUGH AN ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE/DISCLOSURE STATEMENT THAT IS DISTRIBUTED TO THESE INDIVIDUALS. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE INVESTIGATED IMMEDIATELY.

#### PROCESS TO DETERMINE COMPENSATION

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15

NRDC ACTION FUND DOES NOT DIRECTLY COMPENSATE ANY OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND/OR EMPLOYEES. ALL COMPENSATION IS PAID BY THE PARENT ORGANIZATION, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, AND IS REIMBURSED BY NRDC ACTION FUND TO NRDC. THE PROCESSES USED FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION AS PAID BY THE PARENT ENTITY ARE DESCRIBED ON THAT ORGANIZATION'S FORM 990.

#### AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19

NRDC ACTION FUND MAKES ITS FORM 990 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY RETAINING A COPY AT ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS. THE ACTION FUND ALSO MAKES THE 990

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AVAILABLE ON THE ACTION FUND WEBSITE AT WWW.NRDCACTIONFUND.ORG (AND ON WWW.GUIDESTAR.ORG). THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE NOT ORDINARILY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, BUT, IF REQUESTED, WILL BE PROVIDED AT MANAGEMENT'S DISCRETION.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C

THE NRDC ACTION FUND DOES NOT RECEIVE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; FOR AUDIT PURPOSES ITS OPERATIONS ARE CONSOLIDATED WITH AN AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION, THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC.

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ATTACHMENT 1

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION

THE NRDC ACTION FUND'S MISSION IS TO BUILD POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR ADVANCING THE GOALS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL: AVERTING DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE, SUPPORTING HEALTHY PEOPLE AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES, AND CONSERVING AND PROTECTING NATURE AND WILDLIFE. WE SUPPORT CANDIDATES WHO STAND UP FOR THESE GOALS, AND WE MOBILIZE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TO LOBBY LAWMAKERS AND HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR VOTES, BOTH IN OFFICE AND AT THE BALLOT BOX.

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ATTACHMENT 2

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FORM 990, PART III - PROGRAM SERVICE, LINE 4A

DURING THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDED JUNE 30, 2019, THE NRDC ACTION FUND HELD ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE BY EDUCATING CONSTITUENTS WHEN THEIR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES VOTED FOR OR AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES AND EXPOSING THOSE WHO SIDED WITH

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ATTACHMENT 2 (CONT'D)

POLLUTERS RATHER THAN THE PUBLIC GOOD. WE WORKED TO EXPAND AND MOBILIZE OUR INFLUENTIAL CONSTITUENCIES, EXPERTS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND OTHERS TO CHAMPION CLEAN AIR AND WATER, PUBLIC HEALTH, BIODIVERSITY, AND A STABLE CLIMATE. WE ADVOCATED BEFORE DECISION MAKERS ON THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES. WE SUPPORTED POLITICAL CANDIDATES WHO STAND UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION.

AS AN EXAMPLE OF OUR FEDERAL ADVOCACY, THE NRDC ACTION FUND LAUNCHED ADVOCACY AND MEDIA CAMPAIGNS TO SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT WOULD COMMIT THE U.S. TO TRANSITIONING TO CLEAN ENERGY. WE ALSO ADVOCATED AGAINST THE EXPANSION OF OIL AND GAS DRILLING OFF AMERICA'S COASTS, AND AGAINST EFFORTS TO WEAKEN THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.

THE NRDC ACTION FUND ALSO ENGAGED IN ADVOCACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE STATE LEVEL. WE HAVE SUPPORTED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF CLEAN ENERGY AND ELIMINATING DIRTY ENERGY IN A NUMBER OF STATES INCLUDING NEVADA, COLORADO AND PENNSYLVANIA.

THE NRDC ACTION FUND ENDORSED MORE THAN 20 U.S. SENATE CANDIDATES AND CONDUCTED OUR LARGEST-EVER GET-OUT-THE-VOTE PROGRAM DURING THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE 2018 MIDTERM ELECTIONS.

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ATTACHMENT 3

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17 - STATES

AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, CT,  
 FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA,  
 MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA,  
 RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI,

ATTACHMENT 4

990, PART VII- COMPENSATION OF THE FIVE HIGHEST PAID IND. CONTRACTORS

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>
BLUEPRINT INTERACTIVE 1730 RHODE ISLAND AVE. NW, SUITE 1014 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	ADVERTISING	733,399.
M & R STRATEGIC SERVICES, INC. 1901 L STREET NW, SUITE 800 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	ADVERTISING	546,534.
PRINCETON SOUTH - DIGITAL DOG 200 LUDLOW DR., BLDG. E EWING, NJ 08638	MAILING SERVICES	387,571.
FACEBOOK, INC. 15161 COLLECTIONS CENTER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60693	LOBBYING/CONSULTING	380,543.
CIVIS ANALYTICS, INC. 200 WEST MONROE ST., SUITE 2200 CHICAGO, IL 60606	LOBBYING/CONSULTING	195,030.

ATTACHMENT 5

FORM 990, PART IX - OTHER FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	(A) <u>TOTAL FEES</u>	(B) <u>PROGRAM SERVICE EXP.</u>	(C) <u>MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL</u>	(D) <u>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</u>
STRATEGIC PLANNING	550,967.	173,733.	22,388.	354,846.
POLITICAL OUTREACH	214,508.	214,508.		

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ATTACHMENT 5 (CONT'D)FORM 990, PART IX - OTHER FEES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	(A) <u>TOTAL FEES</u>	(B) <u>PROGRAM SERVICE EXP.</u>	(C) <u>MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL</u>	(D) <u>FUNDRAISING EXPENSES</u>
DIGITAL COMM. - WEB/SOCIAL MED	177,822.	177,822.		
GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY	114,770.	114,770.		
GRAPHIC DESIGNER & ART	21,050.	21,050.		
MISCELLANEOUS CONSULTING	11,706.	11,706.		
WRITING/EDITING	9,820.	9,820.		
MANAGEMENT FEES	300.	300.		
TOTALS	<u>1,100,943.</u>	<u>723,709.</u>	<u>22,388.</u>	<u>354,846.</u>

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC 40 WEST 20TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011 13-2654926	ENVIRONMENTAL	NY	501(C)(3)	7	N/A		X
(2) NRDC LIMITED 22/F, BANK OF CHINA TOWER HONG KONG, HK	ENVIRONMENTAL	HK	N/A	N/A	NRDC		X
(3) NRDC ACTION FUND, PAC 40 WEST 20TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011 32-0413564	ENVIRONMENTAL	NY	527	N/A	NRDC	X	
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							

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**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V - UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

**Note:** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
<b>a</b> Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity . . . . .		X
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) . . . . .	X	
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) . . . . .	X	
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) . . . . .	X	
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .	X	
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .	X	
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .		X
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) . . . . .		X
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) . . . . .		X

**2** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC.	B	125,000.	COST
(2) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC.	C	2,210,000.	COST
(3) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC.	N, O, P	2,785,491.	COST
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			



**Part VI** **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V - UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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**Part VII** **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

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