

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the **2020** calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2020** and ending **JUN 30, 2021**

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| B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/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: MANISH BAPNA SAME AS C ABOVE | | G Gross receipts \$ 33,465,229. |
| I Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 | | H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions H(c) Group exemption number ▶ |
| J Website: ▶ WWW.NRDCACTIONFUND.ORG | | |
| K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ | | L Year of formation: 1996 M State of legal domicile: NY |

Part I Summary

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| | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>WE BUILD POLITICAL SUPPORT IN THE U.S. TO PROTECT THE PLANET AND ITS PEOPLE.</u> | | |
| | 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. | | |
| Activities & Governance | 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 15 |
| | 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 12 |
| | 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 0 |
| | 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 0 |
| | 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | 0. |
| | b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 | 7b | 0. |
| | Revenue | 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | Prior Year 14,118,397. |
| 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | | 0. | 0. |
| 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | | 118,222. | -47,819. |
| 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | | 0. | 0. |
| 12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | | 14,236,619. | 21,511,687. |
| Expenses | | 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | 2,974,533. |
| | 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | 0. | 0. |
| | 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 2,940,831. | 3,631,921. |
| | 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | 375,357. | 436,654. |
| | b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>1,789,710.</u> | | |
| | 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 6,937,249. | 9,226,174. |
| 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 13,227,970. | 15,270,217. | |
| 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | 1,008,649. | 6,241,470. | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | Beginning of Current Year 14,372,016. | End of Year 18,771,238. |
| | 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 4,579,857. | 2,737,609. |
| | 22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 9,792,159. | 16,033,629. |

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.

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| Sign Here | Signature of officer VERONICA FOO, CFO Type or print name and title | Date _____ | | | |
| Paid Preparer Use Only | Print/Type preparer's name SCOTT THOMPSETT | Preparer's signature | Date 5/9/2022 | Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> | PTIN P00741490 |
| | Firm's name ▶ GRANT THORNTON LLP Firm's address ▶ 757 THIRD AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017-2013 | Firm's EIN ▶ 36-6055558 Phone no. 212-599-0100 | | | |

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**
▶ **Go to 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.

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.

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| Type or print | Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. NRDC ACTION FUND INC. | Taxpayer identification number (TIN) 13-3976062 |
| File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions. | Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 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) 0 | 1

| Application Is For | Return Code | Application Is For | Return Code |
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| 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 TINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **MAY 16, 2022**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year _____ or
 ▶ tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2020**, and ending **JUN 30, 2021**.

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

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| 3a 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. | 3a | \$ | 0. |
| 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. | 3b | \$ | 0. |
| c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. | 3c | \$ | 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.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: SEE SCHEDULE O

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 [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 6,965,770. including grants of \$ 1,975,468.) (Revenue \$ 0.) CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE EXAMPLES OF THE NRDC ACTION FUND'S FEDERAL ADVOCACY INCLUDE LOBBYING AND MEDIA CAMPAIGNS TO ADVOCATE FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT WOULD COMMIT THE UNITED STATES TO TRANSITIONING TO CLEAN ENERGY, AND FOR LEGISLATION THAT PRIORITIZED SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS. THE NRDC ACTION FUND ALSO ENGAGED IN ADVOCACY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ON THE STATE LEVEL, SUPPORTING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS TO ADVANCE CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 4,892,210. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.) SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES THE NRDC ACTION FUND SUPPORTED CAMPAIGNS TO ENACT LEADING EDGE CLIMATE-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION AND BUILDING POLICIES IN MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDING HONOLULU, SAN JOSE, COLUMBUS AND PORTLAND. WE ALSO ADVOCATED TO ELIMINATE DANGEROUS PESTICIDES IN A NUMBER OF STATES, INCLUDING NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 762,749. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.) WILDLIFE AND WILDLANDS THE NRDC ACTION FUND LOBBIED AGAINST LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO WEAKEN KEY NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, INCLUDING THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. THE ACTION FUND ALSO LOBBIED TO REVERSE LEGISLATION OPENING THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TO OIL DRILLING, AND WORKED TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR SIGNIFICANT POLICY REFORMS TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL FISHING AND RELATED LABOR ABUSES.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 12,620,729.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | Yes | No |
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| 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> | | X |
| 2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? | X | |
| 3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> | X | |
| 4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> | | |
| 5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> | X | |
| 6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> | | X |
| 7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> | | X |
| 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> | | X |
| 9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> | | X |
| 10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> | | X |
| 11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. | | |
| a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> | | X |
| b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> | | X |
| c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> | | X |
| d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> | | X |
| e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> | X | |
| f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> | X | |
| 12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> | | X |
| b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i> | X | |
| 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> | | X |
| 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | | X |
| b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> | | X |
| 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i> | | X |
| 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i> | | X |
| 17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> | X | |
| 18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> | | X |
| 19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> | | X |
| 20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | X |
| b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? | | |
| 21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> | X | |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | Yes | No |
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| 22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> | | X |
| 23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> | X | |
| 24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> | | X |
| 24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | |
| 24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | |
| 24d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | |
| 25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | X |
| b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | X |
| 26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> | | X |
| 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> | | X |
| 28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions, for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | |
| a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | X | |
| 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | X |
| 31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | | X |
| 32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> | | X |
| 33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> | | X |
| 34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> | X | |
| 35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | X | |
| b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | X |
| 36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | |
| 37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> | | X |
| 38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? | X | |

Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

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

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? | X | |

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 counts, 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 on 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 (15), 1b (12), 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 SEE SCHEDULE O
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.
19 Describe on 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. See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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 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) GINA MCCARTHY PRESIDENT & CEO (THRU 01/2021) | 3.00 40.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 856,171. | 28,960. |
| (2) MITCHELL BERNARD INTERIM PRESIDENT & CHIEF COUNSEL | 1.00 40.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 674,054. | 70,843. |
| (3) JENNIFER BERNSTEIN CDO/INTERIM COO(AS OF 01/2021) | 1.00 40.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 320,105. | 60,242. |
| (4) VERONICA FOO CFO/TREASURER | 3.00 40.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 312,553. | 52,320. |
| (5) KEVIN CURTIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | 40.00 0.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 245,222. | 55,100. |
| (6) RHEA SUH FORMER PRESIDENT | 1.00 40.00 | | | | | | X | 0. | 277,400. | 0. |
| (7) EMILY GRAY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, MAJOR GIFTS | 0.00 40.00 | | | | | | X | 0. | 157,921. | 25,675. |
| (8) JOHN H. ADAMS DIRECTOR | 1.00 20.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 175,300. | 0. |
| (9) TIMOTHY MEINKE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT | 40.00 0.00 | | | | | X | | 0. | 152,723. | 21,616. |
| (10) DENIS DISON COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR | 40.00 0.00 | | | | | X | | 0. | 138,112. | 25,245. |
| (11) KAYLA CALKIN FEDERAL CAMPAIGNS DIRECTOR | 40.00 0.00 | | | | | X | | 0. | 118,239. | 20,258. |
| (12) FRANCES BEINECKE DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 15,480. | 0. |
| (13) PATRICIA BAUMAN CHAIR/DIRECTOR | 1.00 1.00 | X | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (14) SIGMUND ANDERMAN DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (15) CHRISTOPHER ARNDT DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (16) RICHARD E. AYRES DIRECTOR | 1.00 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (17) ANNE BARTLEY DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | 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 line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (18) HAMILTON CANDEE DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (19) JOANN KAPLAN DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (20) VERNICE MILLER-TRAVIS DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (21) JILL SOFFER DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (22) DANIEL R. TISHMAN DIRECTOR | 1.00 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (23) GERALD TORRES DIRECTOR (AS OF 06/2021) | 1.00 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (24) DAVID VLADECK DIRECTOR (AS OF 06/2021) | 1.00 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (25) ERIC WEPSIC DIRECTOR (THRU 02/2021) | 1.00 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (26) IRA ZIERING DIRECTOR | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| 1b Subtotal | | | | | | | | 0. | 3,443,280. | 360,259. |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | | | | | | | | 0. | 3,443,280. | 360,259. |

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 former officer, director, 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 |
|--|---|---------------------|
| DEVINE MULVEY LONGABAUGH, INC 2141 WISCONSIN AVE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20009 | MEDIA/TV ADVERTISING | 997,780. |
| M & R STRATEGIC SERVICES, INC., 1901 L STREET NW, SUITE 800, WASHINGTON, DC 20036 | DIGITAL ADVOCACY/FUNDRAISING CONSULTANT | 816,830. |
| FACEBOOK, INC., 15161 COLLECTIONS CENTER DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60693 | PUBLIC RELATIONS | 795,006. |
| BLUEPRINT INTERACTIVE, 1730 RHODE ISLAND AVE., NW, STE 1014, WASHINGTON, DC 20036 | ADVERTISING | 615,471. |
| PRINCETON SOUTH INC. - DIGITAL DOG DIRECT 200 LUDLOW DR., BLDG E, EWING, NJ 08638 | DIRECT MAIL ADVERTISING | 305,470. |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **12**

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

| | | | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | |
|---|---|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| | | | Total revenue | Related or exempt function revenue | Unrelated business revenue | Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514 | |
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1 a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | 522,380. | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | | | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | 90,000. | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e | | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ... | 1f | 20,947,126. | | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f | 1g | \$ 12,031,087. | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | 21,559,506. | | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2 a _____ | Business Code | | | | | |
| | b _____ | | | | | | |
| | c _____ | | | | | | |
| | d _____ | | | | | | |
| | e _____ | | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | | |
| | g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | | 1,556. | | | 1,556. | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | | | | | | |
| | 6 a Gross rents | 6a | (i) Real | | | | |
| | | | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | b Less: rental expenses ... | 6b | | | | | |
| | c Rental income or (loss) | 6c | | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | | | | | |
| | 7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | 7a | (i) Securities | 11,904,167. | | | |
| | | | (ii) Other | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | 7b | 11,953,542. | | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | 7c | -49,375. | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | -49,375. | | | -49,375. | |
| 8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | 8a | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| b Less: direct expenses | 8b | | | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | | | | | |
| 9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | 9a | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| b Less: direct expenses | 9b | | | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | | | | | | |
| 10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | 10a | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| b Less: cost of goods sold | 10b | | | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 11 a _____ | Business Code | | | | | |
| | b _____ | | | | | | |
| | c _____ | | | | | | |
| | d All other revenue | | | | | | |
| | e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | | | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See instructions | | | 21,511,687. | 0. | 0. | -47,819. | |

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

| Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 ... | 1,975,468. | 1,975,468. | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 324,728. | 274,966. | 48,304. | 1,458. |
| 6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 2,472,537. | 1,850,664. | 328,653. | 293,220. |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits | 834,656. | 613,244. | 121,717. | 99,695. |
| 10 Payroll taxes | | | | |
| 11 Fees for services (nonemployees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | 19,837. | | 19,837. | |
| c Accounting | 2,800. | | 2,800. | |
| d Lobbying | 5,540,129. | 5,387,322. | | 152,807. |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | 436,654. | | | 436,654. |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch. O.) | 545,486. | 395,809. | 125,639. | 24,038. |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | 1,423,429. | 1,114,521. | 656. | 308,252. |
| 13 Office expenses | 493,843. | 28,033. | 82,657. | 383,153. |
| 14 Information technology | 718,040. | 689,997. | 2,557. | 25,486. |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 401,201. | 267,900. | 75,004. | 58,297. |
| 17 Travel | 351. | 122. | 229. | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ... | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 4,725. | | | 4,725. |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | | | | |
| 23 Insurance | | | | |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) | | | | |
| a DONATION PROCESSING FEE | 33,150. | | 33,150. | |
| b FILING FEES & OTHER | 20,472. | 133. | 18,575. | 1,764. |
| c MEMBERSHIP FEES & DUES | 12,500. | 12,500. | | |
| d LIST EXCHANGE & RENTAL | 10,211. | 10,050. | | 161. |
| e All other expenses _____ | | | | |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 15,270,217. | 12,620,729. | 859,778. | 1,789,710. |
| 26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. | | | | |

Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

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

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|--|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Assets | 1 Cash - non-interest-bearing | 951,543. | 1 | 897,352. |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 11,625,777. | 2 | 4,648,312. |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | 1,791,596. | 3 | 1,218,658. |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 3,100. | 4 | 51,914. |
| | 5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons | | 5 | |
| | 6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | 6 | |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | 9 | |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a 0. | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation | 10b 0. | 0. | 10c 0. |
| | 11 Investments - publicly traded securities | | 11 | 11,955,002. |
| | 12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | | 12 | |
| | 13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | |
| | 14 Intangible assets | | 14 | |
| | 15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | | 15 | |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) | | 14,372,016. | 16 | 18,771,238. |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 545,476. | 17 | 1,590,446. |
| | 18 Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | | 19 | |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons | | 22 | |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D | 4,034,381. | 25 | 1,147,163. |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 4,579,857. | 26 | 2,737,609. |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33. | | | |
| | 27 Net assets without donor restrictions | | 27 | |
| | 28 Net assets with donor restrictions | 9,792,159. | 28 | 16,033,629. |
| | Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33. | | | |
| | 29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 29 | |
| | 30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | | 30 | |
| | 31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 31 | |
| | 32 Total net assets or fund balances | 9,792,159. | 32 | 16,033,629. |
| 33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 14,372,016. | 33 | 18,771,238. | |

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

| | | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 21,511,687. |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 15,270,217. |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 6,241,470. |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A)) | 4 | 9,792,159. |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O) | 9 | 0. |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B)) | 10 | 16,033,629. |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

| | Yes | No |
|-----------|-----|----|
| 2a | | X |
| 2b | X | |
| 2c | X | |
| 3a | | X |
| 3b | | |

Form **990** (2020)

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

Name of the organization

NRDC ACTION FUND INC.

Employer identification number

13-3976062

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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|---|--|
| Name of organization NRDC ACTION FUND INC. | Employer identification number 13-3976062 |
|---|--|

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 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 12,003,082. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 2 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 4,934,586. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 3 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 1,000,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 4 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 515,345. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 5 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 500,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 6 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 300,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

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|---|--|

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| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 7 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 300,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 8 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 250,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 9 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 250,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 10 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 150,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 11 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 150,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 12 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 100,000. | 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.

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|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 13 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 100,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 14 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 90,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 15 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 50,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 16 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 35,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 17 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 35,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 18 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 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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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 |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 19 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 30,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 20 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 25,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 21 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 20,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 22 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 20,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 23 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 17,865. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 24 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 15,000. | 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 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 10,140. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 26 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 10,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 27 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 10,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 28 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 10,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 29 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 10,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 30 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 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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| Name of organization NRDC ACTION FUND INC. | Employer identification number 13-3976062 |
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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 |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 31 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 9,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 32 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 9,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 33 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 7,500. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 34 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 7,500. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 35 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 6,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 36 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 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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| Name of organization NRDC ACTION FUND INC. | Employer identification number 13-3976062 |
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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 |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 37 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 38 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 39 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 40 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 41 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 42 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 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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| Name of organization NRDC ACTION FUND INC. | Employer identification number 13-3976062 |
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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 |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 43 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 44 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 45 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 46 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 47 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 48 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 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 |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 49 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 50 | N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ 5,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
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| | <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

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| Name of organization NRDC ACTION FUND INC. | Employer identification number 13-3976062 |
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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 |
|------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| 1 | STOCK _____ _____ _____ | \$ 12,003,082. | 06/30/21 |
| 23 | STOCK _____ _____ _____ | \$ 17,865. | 06/30/21 |
| 25 | STOCK _____ _____ _____ | \$ 10,140. | 06/30/21 |
| | _____ _____ _____ | \$ _____ | _____ |
| | _____ _____ _____ | \$ _____ | _____ |
| | _____ _____ _____ | \$ _____ | _____ |

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| Name of organization NRDC ACTION FUND INC. | Employer identification number 13-3976062 |
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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 info. once.) ▶ \$ _____
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 | |
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| (e) Transfer of gift | | | |
| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
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| (e) Transfer of gift | | | |
| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
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| (e) Transfer of gift | | | |
| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
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| (e) Transfer of gift | | | |
| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
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SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 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.

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| 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.
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures ▶ \$ 4,018,243.
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities

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 ▶ \$ 3,185,401.
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ 832,842.
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ 4,018,243.
- 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-. |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---|--|
| NRDC ACTION VOTES | 40 W 20TH ST NEW YORK, NY 10011 | 84-4788745 | 811,842. | 0. |
| VOTE YES TO REFORM THE NM PRC | 202 SPRUCE ST SANTA FE, NM 87501 | 85-3103047 | 15,000. | 0. |
| CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY | 1830 9TH ST SACRAMENTO, CA 95811 | 94-2214618 | 6,000. | 0. |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2020

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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.

| Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.) | | (a) Filing organization's totals | (b) Affiliated group totals | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|-------------------|--------------|--|--|
| 1a | Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b | Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c | Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d | Other exempt purpose expenditures | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| e | Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| f | Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | | If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: | The lobbying nontaxable amount is: | 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. | | |
| If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: | The lobbying nontaxable amount is: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| g | Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| h | Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| i | Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| j | 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? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Yes 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.)

| Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period | | | | | |
|---|--|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2017 | (b) 2018 | (c) 2019 | (d) 2020 | (e) Total |
| 2a | Lobbying nontaxable amount | | | | |
| b | Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e)) | | | | |
| c | Total lobbying expenditures | | | | |
| d | Grassroots nontaxable amount | | | | |
| e | Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)) | | | | |
| f | 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)).

| | (a) | | (b) |
|---|-----|----|--------|
| | Yes | No | Amount |
| <i>For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.</i> | | | |
| 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of: | | | |
| a Volunteers? | | | |
| b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? | | | |
| c Media advertisements? | | | |
| d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? | | | |
| e Publications, or published or broadcast statements? | | | |
| f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? | | | |
| g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? | | | |
| h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? | | | |
| i Other activities? | | | |
| j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i | | | |
| 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).

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

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."

| | |
|---|-----------|
| 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members | 1 |
| 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 | 2a |
| b Carryover from last year | 2b |
| c Total | 2c |
| 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues | 3 |
| 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? | 4 |
| 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (See instructions) | 5 |

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.

PART I-A, LINE 1:

THE ACTION FUND'S POLITICAL EXPENDITURES DURING THIS PERIOD FOCUSED ON

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-ENVIRONMENTAL

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

POSITIONS, AS WELL AS CALLING OUT THOSE WHO HELD ANTI-ENVIRONMENTAL

POSITIONS.

\$1,289,251 OF THE TOTAL POLITICAL EXPENDITURES WAS SPENT ON STAFF

SALARIES (INCLUDING BENEFITS AND OVERHEAD), WHILE THE REMAINING

\$2,728,992 WAS SPENT ON DISCRETIONARY EXPENSES, INCLUDING CONSULTANTS

AND OTHER VENDORS, ADVERTISING AND GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF POLITICAL EXPENDITURES REPRESENTS 26.22% PERCENT OF

THE ORGANIZATION'S OVERALL EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **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.**

▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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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.

| | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| 1 Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year) | | |
| 4 Aggregate value at end of year | | |
| 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
 Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

| | Held at the End of the Tax Year |
|--|---------------------------------|
| a Total number of conservation easements | 2a |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements | 2b |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) | 2c |
| d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register | 2d |

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

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

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

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

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

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

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

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

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make 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 program
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:
c Beginning balance
d Additions during the year
e Distributions during the year
f 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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: 1c Beginning balance, 1d Additions during the year, 1e Distributions during the year, 1f Ending balance.

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

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows: 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 Term endowment %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

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

- (i) Unrelated organizations
(ii) Related organizations

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

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 5 columns: Description of property, (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows: 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.) 0.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

| 1. (a) Description of liability | (b) Book value |
|---|----------------|
| (1) Federal income taxes | |
| (2) DUE TO RELATED PARTIES | 1,147,163. |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶ | 1,147,163. |

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 FASB 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 line numbers and descriptions.

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 line numbers and descriptions.

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.

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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 2021 AND 2020 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
INCLUDE ANY MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS.

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

| | | (a) Event #1 | (b) Event #2 | (c) Other events | (d) Total events |
|-----------------|----|--|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | (event type) | (event type) | (total number) | (add col. (a) through col. (c)) |
| Revenue | 1 | Gross receipts | | | |
| | 2 | Less: Contributions | | | |
| | 3 | Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) | | | |
| Direct Expenses | 4 | Cash prizes | | | |
| | 5 | Noncash prizes | | | |
| | 6 | Rent/facility costs | | | |
| | 7 | Food and beverages | | | |
| | 8 | Entertainment | | | |
| | 9 | Other direct expenses | | | |
| | 10 | Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) | | | |
| | 11 | Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) | | | |

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|-----|---|
| a The organization's facility | | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | | 13b | % |
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

- Director/officer
- Employee
- Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

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

PART I, LINE 2B, COLUMN (V):

THE PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISERS DISCLOSED ON NRDC ACTION FUND'S FORM 990

PROVIDE A SUITE OF CONSULTING AND FUNDRAISING SERVICES THAT ENHANCE THE

ORGANIZATION'S ABILITY TO ADVANCE ITS OWN TAX-EXEMPT MISSION, AS WELL AS

THAT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. NRDC ACTION FUND DOES NOT

SPECIFICALLY TRACK THE FUNDRAISING DOLLARS EACH FUNDRAISER GENERATED AND

SO DETERMINING AN ACCURATE ALLOCATION OF THESE RECEIPTS TO ALIGN WITH THE

990 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IS DIFFICULT. NEVERTHELESS, THE NRDC ACTION FUND DOES ROUTINELY REVIEW ITS FUNDRAISING RELATIONSHIPS TO ENSURE THAT

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

THE SERVICES IT RECEIVES PROVIDE A GOOD RATE OF RETURN TO THE

ORGANIZATION ON ITS FUNDRAISING BUDGET.

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**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization **NRDC ACTION FUND INC.** Employer identification number **13-3976062**

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

| 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 |
|--|----------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| AMERICA VOTES 1401 NEW YORK AVENUE NW, #720 WASHINGTON, DC 20005 | 26-4568349 | 501(C)(4) | 25,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY 1830 9TH STREET SACRAMENTO, CA 95811 | 94-2214618 | 527 | 6,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| COMMUNITY ALLIANCE WITH FAMILY FARMERS - P.O. BOX 363 - DAVIS, CA 95617 | 94-2914745 | 501(C)(3) | 27,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| EDF ACTION 257 PARK AVENUE SOUTH NEW YORK, NY 10010 | 90-0080500 | 501(C)(3) | 7,954. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| FARM SCHOOL NYC 505 EIGHTH AVENUE, SUITE 2100 NEW YORK, NY 10018 | 84-2867079 | 501(C)(3) | 10,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| GEORGIA CONSERVATION VOTERS, INC. 725 PONCE DE LEON AVE NE ATLANTA, GA 30306 | 58-2525235 | 501(C)(3) | 40,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 9.
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ 11.

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Schedule I (Form 990) 2020

Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II.)

| (a) Name and address of organization or government | (b) EIN | (c) IRC section if applicable | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Amount of non-cash assistance | (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | (g) Description of non-cash assistance | (h) Purpose of grant or assistance |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| GHISALLO CYCLING INITIATIVE 1000 BRAZOS STREET, SUITE 100 AUSTIN, TX 78701 | 45-3031077 | 501(C)(3) | 30,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS VICTORY FUND - 740 15TH STREET NW, SUITE 700 - WASHINGTON, DC 20005 | 27-3145176 | 501(C)(4) | 335,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| MONTANA WILDLIFE FUND P.O. BOX 1175 HELENA, MT 59624 | 81-0504535 | 501(C)(4) | 8,300. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| MULTIPLIER 405 14TH STREET, STE 164 OAKLAND, CA 94612 | 91-2166435 | 501(C)(3) | 15,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL 40 WEST 20TH STREET, FL 11 NEW YORK, NY 10011 | 13-2654926 | 501(C)(3) | 365,332. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| NRDC ACTION VOTES 40 WEST 20TH STREET, FL 11 NEW YORK, NY 10011 | 84-4788745 | 527 | 811,842. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| NUEVA ESPERANZA, INC. 4261 NORTH 5TH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19140 | 23-2552707 | 501(C)(3) | 50,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL ACTION FUND - 1145 CHESAPEAKE AVE, SUITE I - COLUMBUS, OH 43212 | 31-0805578 | 501(C)(4) | 15,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| SIERRA CLUB NC CHAPTER 19 W. HARGETT STREET, SUITE 210 RALEIGH, NC 27601 | 94-1153307 | 501(C)(4) | 35,961. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |

Schedule I (Form 990)

Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II.)

| (a) Name and address of organization or government | (b) EIN | (c) IRC section if applicable | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Amount of non-cash assistance | (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | (g) Description of non-cash assistance | (h) Purpose of grant or assistance |
|--|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| SIXONEFORWARD 545 W. TOWN STREET COLUMBUS, OH 43215 | 85-2942999 | 501(C)(4) | 80,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| TRI-STATE TRANSPORTATION CAMPAIGN 231 W. 29TH STREET, STE 904 NEW YORK, NY 10001 | 13-3790165 | 501(C)(3) | 17,725. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| UNIDOSUS ACTION FUND, INC 1126 16TH AVENUE NW, SUITE 600 WASHINGTON, DC 20036 | 46-5341145 | 501(C)(4) | 50,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| VOTE YES TO REFORM THE NEW MEXICO PRC - 202 SPRUCE STREET - SANTA FE, NM 87501 | 85-3103047 | 527 | 15,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| WILD MONTANA ACTION FUND P.O. BOX 6371 HELENA, MT 59604 | 84-3554059 | 501(C)(4) | 6,000. | 0. | | | ENVIRON. ADVOCACY |
| | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | |

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 noncash assistance |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
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| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

PART I, LINE 2:

IN FISCAL YEAR 2021, 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. GRANTEES ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THE ORGANIZATION WITH PERIODIC STATUS REPORTS ABOUT THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS.

NRDC ACTION FUND ISSUED THREE GRANTS TO SECTION 527 POLITICAL

Part IV Supplemental Information

ORGANIZATIONS: NRDC ACTION VOTES, CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND VOTE YES

TO REFORM THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION. THE GRANT TO NRDC

ACTION VOTES IS INTENDED TO SUPPORT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES THAT ADVANCE

NRDC'S ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA. THE GRANT TO THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WAS TO SPONSOR THE 2021 CALIFORNIAN DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION. THE GRANT

TO VOTE YES TO REFORM THE NEW MEXICO PRC WAS TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF A

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT REPLACES POLITICIANS WITH QUALIFIED

COMMISSIONERS TO OVERSEE UTILITY MATTERS.

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**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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 for instructions and the latest information.

| | |
|---|--|
| Name of the organization NRDC ACTION FUND INC. | 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 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 |
|-----------|-----|----|
| 1a | | |
| 1b | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |
| 4a | X | |
| 4b | | X |
| 4c | | X |
| 5a | | X |
| 5b | | X |
| 6a | | X |
| 6b | | X |
| 7 | | X |
| 8 | | X |
| 9 | | |

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2020

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) GINA MCCARTHY PRESIDENT & CEO (THRU 01/2021) | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 856,171. | 0. | 0. | 28,000. | 960. | 885,131. | 0. |
| (2) MITCHELL BERNARD INTERIM PRESIDENT & CHIEF COUNSEL | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 461,989. | 175,000. | 37,065. | 50,850. | 19,993. | 744,897. | 0. |
| (3) JENNIFER BERNSTEIN CDO/INTERIM COO (AS OF 01/2021) | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 320,105. | 0. | 0. | 30,633. | 29,609. | 380,347. | 0. |
| (4) VERONICA FOO CFO/TREASURER | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 312,553. | 0. | 0. | 22,711. | 29,609. | 364,873. | 0. |
| (5) KEVIN CURTIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 245,222. | 0. | 0. | 25,491. | 29,609. | 300,322. | 0. |
| (6) RHEA SUH FORMER PRESIDENT | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 277,400. | 0. | 0. | 277,400. | 0. |
| (7) EMILY GRAY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, MAJOR GIFTS | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 157,751. | 0. | 170. | 14,479. | 11,196. | 183,596. | 0. |
| (8) JOHN H. ADAMS DIRECTOR | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 175,300. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 175,300. | 0. |
| (9) TIMOTHY MEINKE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 152,573. | 0. | 150. | 10,826. | 10,790. | 174,339. | 0. |
| (10) DENIS DISON COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR | (i) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 138,112. | 0. | 0. | 14,455. | 10,790. | 163,357. | 0. |
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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.

PART I, LINE 4A:

DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020, FORMER PRESIDENT, RHEA SUH, RECEIVED A SEVERANCE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$277,400. THIS AMOUNT IS INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE J, PART II, COLUMN B(III).

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 \$175,300 FOR THESE SERVICES IN CALENDAR YEAR 2020.

FORM 990, PART VII & SCHEDULE J, PART I

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS REPORTED ON NRDC ACTION FUND'S FORM 990, MITCHELL BERNARD AND VERONICA FOO 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

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.

EACH OFFICER'S COMPENSATION IS REIMBURSED BY NRDC ACTION FUND TO NRDC

BASED ON SERVICES RENDERED TO NRDC ACTION FUND. IN 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:

MITCHELL BERNARD

SALARY - \$2,116

BENEFIT - \$635

VERONICA FOO

SALARY - \$10,697

BENEFIT - \$3,409

100% OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS' TIME (OFFICER KEVIN CURTIS AND TOP 5

HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEES, DENIS DISON, TIMOTHY MEINKE, & KAYLA

CALKIN) ARE 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

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.

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

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

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

- ▶ 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 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 | 3 | 12,031,087. 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 V, 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.

SCHEDULE M, 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

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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NRDC ACTION FUND INC.

Employer identification number

13-3976062

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

THE NRDC ACTION FUND'S MISSION IS TO BUILD POLITICAL SUPPORT IN THE

UNITED STATES FOR PROTECTING THE PLANET AND ITS PEOPLE. WE WORK TO

FURTHER THE POLICY GOALS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL.

DURING THE FISCAL YEAR THAT ENDED JUNE 30, 2021, THE NRDC ACTION FUND

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 LOBBIED DECISION MAKERS

ON THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVELS TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN ENVIRONMENTAL

POLICIES. WE HELD ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE BY EDUCATING

CONSTITUENTS WHEN THEIR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES VOTED FOR OR

AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES AND EXPOSING THOSE WHO SIDED WITH

POLLUTERS RATHER THAN THE PUBLIC GOOD. WE SUPPORTED POLITICAL

CANDIDATES WHO STOOD UP FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION AND

WORKED TO HELP ELECT MORE CLIMATE CHAMPIONS TO CONGRESS AND THE

PRESIDENCY IN THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTIONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4:

THE NRDC ACTION FUND AMENDED ITS BYLAWS IN BOTH 2020 AND 2021 TO EFFECTUATE

A NUMBER OF GOVERNANCE CHANGES:

1. TO ALLOW CURRENTLY-SERVING BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED FOR AN ADDITIONAL

THREE-YEAR TERM.

2. TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBER-ELECTED DIRECTOR.

3. TO ESTABLISH A TRIENNIAL MEETING OF THE ADVOCACY-MEMBERS AND

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2020

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|---|--|
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DONOR-MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

4. TO RESTRUCTURE THE BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

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

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:

AS THE SOLE INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER, NRDC ANNUALLY APPOINTS EACH CLASS OF THE NRDC ACTION FUND'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS POWER IS RESERVED SOLELY TO NRDC IN THE NRDC ACTION FUND'S ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS. ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD IS ELECTED BY THE NRDC ACTION FUND MEMBERS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B:

SEE FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:

THE FORM 990 WAS PREPARED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACCOUNTING FIRM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT. A COPY OF THE DRAFT FORM 990 WAS PRESENTED TO THE FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISCUSSION AND COMMENT. ONCE THE AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVED THE FORM 990 FOR FILING, A COPY WAS CIRCULATED TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS. EACH BOARD MEMBER WAS PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FORM 990 PRIOR TO ITS FILING WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

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| Name of the organization NRDC ACTION FUND INC. | Employer identification number 13-3976062 |
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CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY MONITORING & ENFORCEMENT

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.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

PROCESS TO DETERMINE COMPENSATION

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.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:

AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC

ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

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 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

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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.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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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 |
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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 |
| NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC - 13-2654926, 40 WEST 20TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10011 | ENVIRONMENTAL | NEW YORK | 501(C)(3) | LINE 7 | N/A | | X |
| NRDC ACTION FUND, PAC - 32-0413564 40 WEST 20TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011 | ENVIRONMENTAL | NEW YORK | 527 | N/A | NRDC | X | |
| NRDC LIMITED 22/F, BANK OF CHINA TOWER HONG KONG, HONG KONG | DISSOLVED | HONG KONG | N/A | N/A | NRDC | | X |
| NRDC ACTION VOTES - 84-4788745 40 WEST 20TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011 | ENVIRONMENTAL | NEW YORK | 527 | N/A | NRDC | X | |

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Schedule R (Form 990) 2020

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.

1 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?

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity | | X |
| b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) | X | |
| c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) | X | |
| d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) | | X |
| e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) | | X |
| f Dividends from related organization(s) | | X |
| g Sale of assets to related organization(s) | | X |
| h Purchase of assets from related organization(s) | | X |
| i Exchange of assets with related organization(s) | | X |
| j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) | | X |
| k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) | | X |
| l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) | | X |
| m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) | | X |
| n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) | X | |
| o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) | X | |
| p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses | X | |
| q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses | | X |
| r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) | | X |
| s 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) NRDC ACTION VOTES | B | 811,842. | COST |
| (2) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. | B | 365,332. | COST |
| (3) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. | C | 90,000. | COST |
| (4) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. | N | 593,233. | COST |
| (5) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. | O | 3,631,920. | COST |
| (6) NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. | P | 139,039. | COST |

