

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

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| B Check if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending | Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. | C Name of organization PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC. Doing Business As | | D Employer identification number 52-1739443 |
| | | Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1100 G STREET, NW 900 | | E Telephone number 202-347-1122 |
| | | City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3806 | | G Gross receipts \$ 1,400,950. |
| | | F Name and address of principal officer: DANIELLE BRIAN SAME AS C ABOVE | | H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶ |
| I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 | | | | |
| J Website: ▶ WWW.POGO.ORG | | | | |
| K Type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ | | | L Year of formation: 1991 M State of legal domicile: DC | |

Part I Summary

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|-----------------------------|---|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Activities & Governance | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT. | | | |
| | 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets. | | | |
| | 3 | Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 11 | |
| | 4 | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 11 | |
| | 5 | Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) | 19 | |
| | 6 | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | |
| | 7a | Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C) | 0. | |
| | 7b | Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 0. | |
| Revenue | | | Prior Year | Current Year |
| | 8 | Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | 1,726,521. | 1,383,200. |
| | 9 | Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | 130. | 140. |
| | 10 | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 31,050. | 16,629. |
| | 11 | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 5,986. | 981. |
| | 12 | Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1,763,687. | 1,400,950. |
| Expenses | 13 | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | | |
| | 14 | Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | | |
| | 15 | Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 903,271. | 1,166,509. |
| | 16a | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | |
| | 16b | Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 163,929. | | |
| | 17 | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f) | 618,329. | 419,179. |
| | 18 | Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 1,521,600. | 1,585,688. |
| 19 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | 242,087. | -184,738. | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | | | Beginning of Year | End of Year |
| | 20 | Total assets (Part X, line 16) | 1,815,930. | 1,399,090. |
| | 21 | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 147,229. | 197,662. |
| 22 | Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 1,668,701. | 1,201,428. | |

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here ▶ *Danielle Brian* | **May 13, 2009**
 Signature of officer | Date
DANIELLE BRIAN, PRESIDENT
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: *Jen McCreight* | Date: **5/12/09**
 Check if self-employed: | Preparer's identifying number (see instructions):
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: **GELMAN, ROSENBERG & FREEDMAN**
4550 MONTGOMERY AVE., SUITE 650 NORTH
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20814-2930
 EIN: | Phone no. ▶ **(301) 951-9090**

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
FOUNDED IN 1981, THE PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT (POGO) IS AN INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT THAT INVESTIGATES AND EXPOSES CORRUPTION AND OTHER MISCONDUCT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A MORE EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE, OPEN, AND ETHICAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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
If "Yes", describe these new services on Schedule O.

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 271,614. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
CONTRACT OVERSIGHT: THIS PROJECT INVESTIGATES, EXPOSES, AND SEEKS TO REMEDY CASES IN WHICH CONTRACTORS EXERT INAPPROPRIATE INFLUENCE OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 172,862. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT: POGO SEEKS TO IMPROVE OVERSIGHT THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SO THAT OFFICIALS CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE WHEN THEY ABUSE TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND BETRAY THE PUBLIC'S TRUST.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 197,451. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
NUCLEAR WEAPONS FACILITIES SECURITY: THIS PROJECT WORKS TO EXPOSE AND REMEDY MISMANAGEMENT AND SECURITY AND SAFETY WEAKNESSES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS FACILITIES.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ 660,950. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 1,302,877. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 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 Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? | 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> | X | |
| 5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> | | |
| 6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where 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; 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 hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> | | X |
| 11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i> | X | |
| 12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> | X | |
| 13 Is the organization a school as 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 U.S.? | | X |
| b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i> | | X |
| 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i> | | X |
| 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i> | | X |
| 17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> | | X |
| 18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total 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 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> | | X |
| 20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | X |
| 21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> | | X |
| 22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 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, questions 3, 4, or 5? <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 questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25</i> | | X |
| b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | |
| c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | |
| d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | |
| 25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) 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 Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | X |
| 26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> | | X |
| 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> | | X |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | | Yes | No |
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| 28 | During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee: | | |
| a | Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | X | |
| b | Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| c | Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <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, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i> | | X |
| 35 | Is any related organization 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> | | X |
| 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 |

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

| | | Yes | No |
|-----|--|-----|----|
| 1a | Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| | 1a | | 5 |
| b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| | 1b | | 0 |
| c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? | X | |
| | 1c | | |
| 2a | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return | | |
| | 2a | | 19 |
| b | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions) | X | |
| | 2b | | |
| 3a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? | | X |
| | 3a | | |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O | | |
| | 3b | | |
| 4a | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? | | X |
| | 4a | | |
| b | If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. | | |
| | 4b | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? | | X |
| | 5a | | |
| b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | | X |
| | 5b | | |
| c | If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? | | |
| | 5c | | |
| 6a | Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible? | | X |
| | 6a | | |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? | | |
| | 6b | | |
| 7 | Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). | | |
| a | Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75? | | X |
| | 7a | | |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? | | |
| | 7b | | |
| c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? | | X |
| | 7c | | |
| d | If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year | | |
| | 7d | | |
| e | Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? | | X |
| | 7e | | |
| f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? | | X |
| | 7f | | |
| g | For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? | X | |
| | 7g | | |
| h | For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? | X | |
| | 7h | | |
| 8 | Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? | | |
| | 8 | | |
| 9 | Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. | | |
| a | Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? | | |
| | 9a | | |
| b | Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? | | |
| | 9b | | |
| 10 | Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: N/A | | |
| a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 | | |
| | 10a | | |
| b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities | | |
| | 10b | | |
| 11 | Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: N/A | | |
| a | Gross income from members or shareholders | | |
| | 11a | | |
| b | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) | | |
| | 11b | | |
| 12a | Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? | | |
| | 12a | | |
| b | If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year N/A | | |
| | 12b | | |

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body (11); 1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent (11); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (X); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (X); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (X); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? (X); 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? (X); 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? (X); 7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? (X); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (X); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (X); 9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (X); 9b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?; 10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 (X); 11 Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (X).

Section B. Policies

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (X); 12b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (X); 12c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done (X); 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (X); 14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (X); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision: 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? (X); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions) (X); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (X); 16b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed DC, AL, CA, CO, MO, OH, PA, WI, AK, AZ, AR, CT
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
[X] Own website [X] Another's website [X] Upon request
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: DANIELLE BRIAN

1100 G STREET, NW, SUITE 900, WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3806

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

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

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

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week | (C) Position (check all that apply) | | | | | | (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 | | | |
| DAVID HUNTER BOARD CHAIR | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| LISA BAUMGARTNER BONDS BOARD VICE-CHAIR | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| DINA RASOR TREASURER | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| RYAN ALEXANDER BOARD MEMBER | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| HENRY BANTA BOARD MEMBER | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| DAVID BURNHAM BOARD MEMBER | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| MICHAEL CAVALLO BOARD MEMBER | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| CHARLES HAMEL BOARD MEMBER | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| JANINE JACQUET BOARD MEMBER | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| MORTON MINTZ BOARD MEMBER | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| ANNE ZILL BOARD MEMBER | 2.00 | X | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. | |
| DANIELLE BRIAN PRESIDENT/EXEC. DIRECTOR | 40.00 | | | X | | | 93,406. | 0. | 15,463. | |
| KEITH RUTTER SECRETARY/ DIR. OF OP | 40.00 | | | X | | | 88,620. | 0. | 15,213. | |
| SCOTT AMEY GENERAL COUNSEL | 40.00 | | | | X | | 83,620. | 0. | 8,275. | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

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

| (A) Name and title | (B) Average hours per week | (C) Position (check all that apply) | | | | | | (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 | | | |
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| 1b Total | | | | | | | | 265,646. | 0. | 38,951. |

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization 0

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual | | X |
| 5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person | | 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.

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
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2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization 0

| Part VIII Statement of Revenue | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514 | |
|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts | 1 a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f 1,383,200. | | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ | | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | ▶ | 1383200. | | | |
| | Program Service Revenue | 2 a PUBLICATION | Business Code | 140. | 140. | |
| b | | | | | | |
| c | | | | | | |
| d | | | | | | |
| e | | | | | | |
| f All other program service revenue | | | | | | |
| g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | ▶ | 140. | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | ▶ | 16,629. | | 16,629. | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | ▶ | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | ▶ | | | | |
| | 6 a Gross Rents | (i) Real | | | | |
| | | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | | b Less: rental expenses | | | | |
| | | c Rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | ▶ | | | | |
| | 7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | | | | |
| | | (ii) Other | | | | |
| | | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | |
| | | c Gain or (loss) | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | ▶ | | | | |
| | 8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | a | | | | |
| | | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | ▶ | | | | |
| 9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | a | | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | ▶ | | | | |
| 10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | a | | | | | |
| | b Less: cost of goods sold | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | ▶ | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | Business Code | | | | |
| 11 a MISCELLANEOUS | | | 981. | 981. | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d All other revenue | | | | | |
| | e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | ▶ | 981. | | | |
| 12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e | ▶ | 1400950. | 1,121. | 0. | 16,629. | |

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

| 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 governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21 | | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 304,597. | 265,096. | 26,739. | 12,762. |
| 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 | 673,436. | 576,192. | 10,200. | 87,044. |
| 8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) | 19,963. | 17,012. | 15. | 2,936. |
| 9 Other employee benefits | 95,418. | 55,905. | 35,620. | 3,893. |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 73,095. | 62,039. | 3,141. | 7,915. |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | 2,428. | 2,000. | 428. | |
| c Accounting | 15,804. | 13,697. | 1,073. | 1,034. |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other | 54,845. | 50,532. | 2,745. | 1,568. |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | | | | |
| 13 Office expenses | 44,043. | 36,435. | 2,994. | 4,614. |
| 14 Information technology | 59,537. | 54,083. | 1,885. | 3,569. |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 147,143. | 121,989. | 10,457. | 14,697. |
| 17 Travel | 8,435. | 4,812. | 1,487. | 2,136. |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 4,836. | 4,016. | 702. | 118. |
| 20 Interest | 15,000. | | 15,000. | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 11,103. | 9,202. | 888. | 1,013. |
| 23 Insurance | | | | |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.) | | | | |
| a DEVELOPMENT | 15,224. | | | 15,224. |
| b INTERN STIPENDS | 10,120. | 10,120. | | |
| c RESEARCH MATERIALS | 9,076. | 8,309. | 293. | 474. |
| d INSURANCE | 7,041. | 6,346. | 223. | 472. |
| e FILING FEES | 4,349. | | 135. | 4,214. |
| f All other expenses | 10,195. | 5,092. | 4,857. | 246. |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f | 1,585,688. | 1,302,877. | 118,882. | 163,929. |
| 26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation ... | | | | |

Part X Balance Sheet

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------|--------------------|
| Assets | 1 | Cash - non-interest-bearing | | 1 |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | 350,172. | 2 368,047. |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | 706,038. | 3 532,946. |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | 3,457. | 4 |
| | 5 | Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 |
| | 6 | Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 |
| | 7 | Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 |
| | 8 | Inventories for sale or use | | 8 |
| | 9 | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 40,780. | 9 55,818. |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis ... 10a | 113,509. | |
| | b | Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D ... 10b | 94,530. | 10c 18,979. |
| | 11 | Investments - publicly traded securities | 679,775. | 11 410,882. |
| | 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 | 12,418. | 15 12,418. |
| 16 | Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 1,815,930. | 16 1,399,090. | |
| Liabilities | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 137,225. | 17 183,683. |
| | 18 | Grants payable | | 18 |
| | 19 | Deferred revenue | | 19 |
| | 20 | Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 |
| | 21 | Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 |
| | 22 | Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 |
| | 23 | Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 |
| | 24 | Unsecured notes and loans payable | | 24 |
| | 25 | Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D | 10,004. | 25 13,979. |
| | 26 | Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 147,229. | 26 197,662. |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. | | | |
| | 27 | Unrestricted net assets | 463,480. | 27 193,864. |
| | 28 | Temporarily restricted net assets | 1,205,221. | 28 1,007,564. |
| | 29 | Permanently restricted net assets | | 29 |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. | | | |
| | 30 | Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 |
| | 31 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | | 31 |
| | 32 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 |
| | 33 | Total net assets or fund balances | 1,668,701. | 33 1,201,428. |
| | 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 1,815,930. | 34 1,399,090. |

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

| | | Yes | No |
|----|---|-----|----|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | 2a | X |
| b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | 2b | X |
| c | If "Yes" to lines 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? | 2c | X |
| 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? | 3a | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? | 3b | |

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

2008
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▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC.

Employer identification number

52-1739443

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only one organization.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). (Attach Schedule H.)
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete the Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4). (see instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I
 - b Type II
 - c Type III - Functionally integrated
 - d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? _____
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? _____
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? _____
- h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

| | Yes | No |
|-----------------|-----|----|
| 11g(i) | | |
| 11g(ii) | | |
| 11g(iii) | | |

| (i) Name of supported organization | (ii) EIN | (iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions)) | (iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document? | | (v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support? | | (vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.? | | (vii) Amount of support |
|------------------------------------|----------|---|---|----|--|----|---|----|-------------------------|
| | | | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | |
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| Total | | | | | | | | | |

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | 802,495. | 878,948. | 1,055,533. | 1,726,521. | 1,383,200. | 5,846,697. |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 4 Total. Add lines 1 - 3 | 802,495. | 878,948. | 1,055,533. | 1,726,521. | 1,383,200. | 5,846,697. |
| 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) | | | | | | 1,554,928. |
| 6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | 4,291,769. |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | 802,495. | 878,948. | 1,055,533. | 1,726,521. | 1,383,200. | 5,846,697. |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | 17,475. | 45,411. | 29,465. | 31,050. | 16,629. | 140,030. |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | 4,538. | 2,150. | 5,986. | 981. | 13,655. |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 6,000,382. |
| 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) | | | | | 12 | 1,249. |
| 13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|---|----|---------|
| 14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 71.52 % |
| 15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f | 15 | 79.39 % |
| 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b 33 1/3% support test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 Total. Add lines 1 - 5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) | | | | | | |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) | | | | | | |

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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|---|----|---|
| 15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | % |
| 16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g | 16 | % |

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|--|----|---|
| 17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | % |
| 18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h | 18 | % |

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Schedule B

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, and 990-PF.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC.

52-1739443

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (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 organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or 2% of the amount on Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to 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. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ▶ \$ _____

Caution. Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990. These instructions will be issued separately.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2008)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC.

52-1739443

Part I Contributors (see instructions)

| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Aggregate contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 | | \$ 75,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 2 | | \$ 180,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 3 | | \$ 42,750. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 4 | | \$ 200,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 5 | | \$ 50,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 6 | | \$ 30,000. | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |

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| Name of organization PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC. | Employer identification number 52-1739443 |
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Part I Contributors (see instructions)

| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Aggregate contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 7 | | \$ <u>40,000.</u> | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 8 | | \$ <u>350,000.</u> | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 9 | | \$ <u>120,000.</u> | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 10 | | \$ <u>33,667.</u> | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 11 | | \$ <u>30,000.</u> | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| | | \$ _____ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ To be completed by organizations described below.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, 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," to 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," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of organization **PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC.** Employer identification number **52-1739443**

Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations.

See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3).

See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Total of direct and indirect exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2 and enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
- 5 State the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made. Enter the amount paid and indicate if the amount was paid from the filing organization's funds or were political contributions received and 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-. |
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Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.
 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) | 13,638. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c | Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) | 13,638. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d | Other exempt purpose expenditures | 1,572,050. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| e | Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) | 1,585,688. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| f | Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns. | 229,284. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>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) | 57,321. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| h | Subtract line 1g from line 1a. Enter -0- if line g is more than line a | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| i | Subtract line 1f from line 1c. Enter -0- if line f is more than line c | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2005 | (b) 2006 | (c) 2007 | (d) 2008 | (e) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| 2a Lobbying non-taxable amount | 180,939. | 188,655. | 226,080. | 229,284. | 824,958. |
| b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e)) | | | | | 1,237,437. |
| c Total lobbying expenditures | 5,094. | 19,662. | 20,326. | 13,638. | 58,720. |
| d Grassroots non-taxable amount | 45,235. | 47,164. | 56,520. | 57,321. | 206,240. |
| e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)) | | | | | 309,360. |
| f Grassroots lobbying expenditures | | | | | |

Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

| | (a) | | (b) |
|---|-----|----|--------|
| | Yes | No | Amount |
| 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 other means? | | | |
| i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV | | | |
| j Total 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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

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

Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." See Schedule C instructions for details.

| | | |
|--|----|--|
| 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members | 1 | |
| 2 Section 162(e) non-deductible 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 (line 2c total minus 3 and 4) | 5 | |

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Name of the organization **PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC.** Employer identification number **52-1739443**

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

| | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 Aggregate 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 may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space | |
- Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

| | Held at the End of the Year |
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| 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 8/17/06 | 2d |
- Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____
- Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____
- Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?
- Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ _____
- Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$ _____
- 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)?
- In Part XIV, 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
- If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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:

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| (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 | ▶ \$ _____ |
| (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X | ▶ \$ _____ |
- If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items:

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| a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 | ▶ \$ _____ |
| b Assets included in Form 990, Part X | ▶ \$ _____ |

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

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

Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

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

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|--|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Investment earnings or 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 year end balance held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
 - b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %
 - c Term endowment ▶ _____ %

- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
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| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Investments - Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

| Description of investment | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Depreciation | (d) Book value |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | | | |
| e Other | | 113,509. | 94,530. | 18,979. |
| Total. Add lines 1a-1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) | | | | 18,979. |

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. 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 |
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| Financial derivatives and other financial products | | |
| Closely-held equity interests | | |
| Other | | |
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| Total. (Col (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ▶ | | |

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

| (a) Description of investment type | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
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| Total. (Col (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.) ▶ | | |

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
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| Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.) ▶ | |

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

| (a) Description of liability | (b) Amount |
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| Federal income taxes | |
| DEFERRED RENT | 13,979. |
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| Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ▶ | 13,979. |

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

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|----|--|----|------------|
| 1 | Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 1,400,950. |
| 2 | Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 1,585,688. |
| 3 | Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | -184,738. |
| 4 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 4 | -282,535. |
| 5 | Donated services and use of facilities | 5 | |
| 6 | Investment expenses | 6 | |
| 7 | Prior period adjustments | 7 | |
| 8 | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 8 | |
| 9 | Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8 | 9 | -282,535. |
| 10 | Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9 | 10 | -467,273. |

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

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| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | 1 | 1,151,008. |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12: | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains on investments | 2a | -282,535. |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | 32,593. |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | -249,942. |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 1,400,950. |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1: | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | 0. |
| 5 | Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) | 5 | 1,400,950. |

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

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| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | 1 | 1,618,281. |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25: | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | 32,593. |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | |
| c | Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25 | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | 32,593. |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 1,585,688. |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | 0. |
| 5 | Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) | 5 | 1,585,688. |

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to 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; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b.

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

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▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ To be completed by organizations that answered
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c,
or Form 990-EZ, Part V, lines 38a or 40b.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

| 1 | (a) Name of disqualified person | (b) Description of transaction | (c) Corrected? | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----|
| | | | Yes | No |
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2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

| (a) Name of interested person and purpose | (b) Loan to or from the organization? | | (c) Original principal amount | (d) Balance due | (e) In default? | | (f) Approved by board or committee? | | (g) Written agreement? | |
|---|---------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|-------------------------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| | To | From | | | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
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Total ▶ \$ _____

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

| (a) Name of interested person | (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization | (c) Amount of grant or type of assistance |
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Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 28a, 28b, or 28c.

| (a) Name of interested person | (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization | (c) Amount of transaction | (d) Description of transaction | (e) Sharing of organization's revenues? | |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------|
| | | | | Yes | No |
| MR. DAVID BURNHAM | | 14,799. | | | X |
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SCHEDULE O
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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

FOUNDED IN 1981, THE PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT (POGO) IS AN
INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT THAT INVESTIGATES AND EXPOSES CORRUPTION AND
OTHER MISCONDUCT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A MORE EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE,
OPEN AND ETHICAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

EXPENSES \$ 99791. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT

EXPENSES \$ 158897. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

WHISTLEBLOWER INVESTIGATIONS

EXPENSES \$ 62580. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

EXPENSES \$ 65017. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

ENERGY AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

EXPENSES \$ 126171. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

STATE - POGO

EXPENSES \$ 57924. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS - PUBLIC HEALTH

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Employer identification number

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EXPENSES \$ 76932. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

DIRECT LOBBYING

EXPENSES \$ 13638. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B: POGO BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED VIA CONFERENCE CALL. WHILE MINUTES ARE NOT KEPT DURING THOSE MEETINGS, AT THE FULL BOARD MEETINGS FOLLOWING THE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING, A REPORT IS GIVEN AND RECORDED IN THE BOARD MINUTES AS APPROPRIATE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 10: A DRAFT OF THE FORM 990 IS E-MAILED TO POGO'S AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS. EACH MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE E-MAILS HIS OR HER APPROVAL TO THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS PRIOR TO THE ORGANIZATION FILING THE FORM 990. THE CHAIR OF POGO'S BOARD IS A MEMBER OF THE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: MEMBERS OF POGO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND KEY EMPLOYEES REVIEW AND SIGN THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD REVIEWS THE POLICY ANNUALLY AND MAKES UPDATES TO THE POLICY AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: POGO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS PERFORMS AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OF POGO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DETERMINES HER SALARY. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD PERIODICALLY PERFORMS A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TOP MANAGEMENT SALARIES AT SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.

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POGO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMS AN ANNUAL EVALUATION OF POGO'S OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES AND DETERMINES THEIR SALARIES. SHE PERIODICALLY PERFORMS A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE SALARIES OF COMPARABLE POSITIONS AT SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:
DC, AL, CA, CO, MO, OH, PA, WI, AK, AZ, AR, CT, FL, GA, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, MN, MI, NH, NJ
NM, NY, NC, ND, OR, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, OK, WV, WA

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: POGO'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. POGO'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990 ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE, POGO.ORG. IN ADDITION, POGO SUBMITS ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS TO ALL STATES THAT REQUIRE LICENSES FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND THOSE STATES OFTEN MAKE SUCH INFORMATION PUBLIC THROUGH THEIR OWN WEBSITES OR BY REQUEST.

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:
(A) NAME OF PERSON: MR. DAVID BURNHAM
(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

MR. BURNHAM IS A MEMBER OF POGO'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: POGO ENTERED INTO A SUBLEASE WITH MR. BURNHAM'S ORGANIZATION, TRAC, TO RENT OUT PART OF ITS OFFICE SPACE. THIS TRANSACTION WAS CONDUCTED AT OR BELOW FAIR MARKET VALUE.

| Asset No. | Description | Date Acquired | Method | Life | Line No. | Unadjusted Cost Or Basis | Bus % Excl | * Reduction In Basis | Basis For Depreciation | Accumulated Depreciation | Current Sec 179 | Current Year Deduction |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|------|----------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT | VARIABLES | | 5.00 | 16 | 107,954. | | | 107,954. | 81,876. | | 10,058. |
| 2 | SOFTWARE | VARIABLES | | .000 | 16 | 332. | | | 332. | 332. | | 0. |
| 3 | LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT | VARIABLES | | 5.00 | 16 | 5,223. | | | 5,223. | 1,219. | | 1,045. |
| | * TOTAL 990 PAGE 10 DEPR | | | | | 113,509. | | 0. | 113,509. | 83,427. | 0. | 11,103. |

Report of Employer-Owned Life Insurance Contracts

▶ Attach to the policyholder's tax return - See instructions.

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| Name(s) shown on return PROJECT ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT, INC. | Identifying number 52-1739443 |
| Name of policyholder, if different from above | Identifying number, if different from above |

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| Type of business EXEMPT ORGANIZATION | |
| 1 Enter the number of employees the policyholder had at the end of the tax year | 16. |
| 2 Enter the number of employees included on line 1 who were insured at the end of the tax year under the policyholder's employer-owned life insurance contract(s) issued after August 17, 2006. See <i>Section 1035 exchanges</i> for an exception | 1. |
| 3 Enter the total amount of employer-owned life insurance in force at the end of the tax year for employees who were insured under the contract(s) specified on line 2 | 1. |
| 4a Does the policyholder have a valid consent (see instructions) for each employee included on line 2? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| b If "No," enter the number of employees included on line 2 for whom the policyholder does not have a valid consent | |