

IRS e-file Signature Authorization  
for an Exempt Organization

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2020, or fiscal year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20

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2020

Name of exempt organization or person subject to tax

THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER

Taxpayer identification number

23-1923398

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax

BRENDA MARRERO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Part I** Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, or 7a below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, or 7b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	2,191,927.
2a Form 990-EZ check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a Form 1120-POL check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a Form 990-PF check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b	
5a Form 8868 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a Form 990-T check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a Form 4720 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	

**Part II** Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that ☒ I am an officer of the above organization or ☐ I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of organization) The Public Interest Law Center, (EIN) 23-1923398 and that I have examined a copy of the 2020 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

PIN: check one box only

☒ I authorize SNYDER, DAITZ & COMPANY  
ERO firm name

to enter my PIN

2 3 3 9 8

as my signature

Enter five numbers, but  
do not enter all zeros

on the tax year 2020 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

☐ As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2020 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax

*Brenda L. Marrero*Date 11/04/2021**Part III** Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

2 3 6 9 0 0 0 6 1 4 1

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2020 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature

*[Signature]* CPADate 11/11/2021

**ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions**  
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**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

**2020****Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning**

, 2020, and ending

, 20

**B Check if applicable:**

- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

**C Name of organization** THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER

Doing business as

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

1500 JOHN F KENNEDY BLVD

Room/suite

802

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

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

**D Employer identification number**

23-1923398

**E Telephone number**

(215) 627-7100

**G Gross receipts** \$2,490,994.**F Name and address of principal officer:**

Brenda Marrero, 1500 JFK Blvd, Suite 802, Phila, PA 19102

**H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?** ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b) Are all subordinates included?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. See instructions

**H(c) Group exemption number** ▶**I Tax-exempt status:**☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J Website:** ▶ WWW.PUBINTLAW.ORG**K Form of organization:** ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L Year of formation:** 1974**M State of legal domicile:** PA**Part I Summary**

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: The Public Interest Law Center uses high-impact legal strategies to advance the civil, social, and economic rights of communities in the Philadelphia region facing discrimination, inequality, and poverty. We use litigation, community education, advocacy, and organizing to secure access to fundamental resources and services.

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

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . . **3** 43

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . . **4** 43

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . . **5** 16

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . . **6** 93

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . . **7a** 0.

b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 . . . . . **7b** 0.

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	2,355,475.	1,976,010.
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .	297,535.	151,215.
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . .	73,570.	82,288.
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) . . . . .	-51,805.	-17,586.
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	2,674,775.	2,191,927.
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) . . . . .	1,199,672.	1,312,788.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .		
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 162,218. . . . .		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) . . . . .	478,236.	610,928.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	1,677,908.	1,923,716.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .	996,867.	268,211.
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .	4,158,297.	4,801,262.
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .	273,423.	548,932.
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	3,884,874.	4,252,330.

**Part II Signature Block**

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

**Sign Here**

Signature of officer

11/04/2021

Date

BRENDA MARRERO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Joseph P Leonard

Preparer's signature

Joseph P Leonard

Date

11/11/2021

Check ☒ if self-employed

PTIN

P00229620

Firm's name ▶ SNYDER, DAITZ &amp; COMPANY

Firm's EIN ▶ 23-1436393

Firm's address ▶ 1617 JOHN F. KENNEDY BLVD., SUITE 720, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

Phone no. (215) 563-6141

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. BAA

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Form **990** (2020)

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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

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

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

<b>Type or print</b>	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. <b>THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER</b>	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) <b>23-1923398</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>1500 JOHN F KENNEDY BLVD, #802</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>PHILADELPHIA PA 19102</b>	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) . . . . . **01**

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

• The books are in the care of ► Latrice Brooks

Telephone No. ► (215) 627-7100 Fax No. ► \_\_\_\_\_

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

- 1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until Nov 15, 20 21, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
- ☒ calendar year 20 20 or
- ☐ tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

**Part III** Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐

- 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:  
The Public Interest Law Center uses high-impact legal strategies to advance the civil, social, and economic rights of communities in the Philadelphia region facing discrimination, inequality, and poverty. We use litigation, community education, advocacy, and organizing to secure their access to fundamental resources and services.
- 2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: \_\_\_\_\_) (Expenses \$ 1,468,154. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 151,215.)

The Law Center's activities in the areas of Public Education, Health Care, Public Health & Environmental Justice, Housing, Employment, and Voters' Rights are included in the Report of Accomplishments (attachment to Schedule O).

Staff participation in conferences, speaking engagements and training sessions are also included, as is information on staff awards and recognition.

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 1,468,154.



**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

**Part IV** Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V . . . . . ☐

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	1a	32
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? . . . . .	1c	X

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

		Yes	No
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	16
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note:</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	x
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	x
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on 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)?	4a	x
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	x
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	x
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	x
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	x
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	x
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	x
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	x
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	x
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
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	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
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	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> 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	12b	
13	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note:</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	x
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	x
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16	x



**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI ☒ **X**

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . . If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.	1a	43
b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . .	1b	43
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? . . . . .	2	X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . . . .	3	X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .	4	X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .	5	X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .	6	X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .	7a	X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . .	7b	X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body? . . . . .	8a	X
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .	8b	X
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O . . . . .	9	X

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .	10a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? . . . . .	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . .	11a	X
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. . . . .		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .	12a	X
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .	12b	X
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done . . . . .	12c	X
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .	13	X
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .	14	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?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . .	15a	X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . .	15b	X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). . . . .		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .	16a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . .	16b	

**Section C. Disclosure**

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► See Part VI, Line 17 stmt

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain on Schedule O)

19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records ►  
 Latrice Brooks, 1500 JFK Blvd #802, Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215) 627-7100

**Additional information from your Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax****Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax****Part VI, Line 17 (continued)****Continuation Statement**

States Where Copy of Return is Required	
PA	
FL	
NJ	
NY	

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual director or trustee	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Ellen S. Friedell Board Chair	2.00	x		x				0.	0.	0.
(2) Ellen Meriwether Vice Chair	2.00	x		x				0.	0.	0.
(3) Thomas M. Chapin Treasurer	2.00	x		x				0.	0.	0.
(4) Marc A. Topaz Secretary	2.00	x		x				0.	0.	0.
(5) Zachary Arbitman Board Member	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(6) Mira Baylson Board Member	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(7) Dean Beer Board Member	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(8) Keir Bradford-Grey Board Member	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(9) Leigh Ann Buziak Board Member	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(10) David Caputo Board Member (until 6-4-20)	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(11) Scott Charles Board Member	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(12) Nicholas E. Chemicles Board Member	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(13) Lisa W. Clark Board Member	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(14) Abbi L. Cohen Board Member (until 6-4-20)	2.00	x						0.	0.	0.



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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) Michael DiBerardinis Board Member	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) Zakia Elliott Board Member	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) Brian T. Feeney Board Member	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(18) Bret Flaherty Board Member	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) Molly Flynn Board Member	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) Rachel Gallegos Board Member (until 6-4-20)	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) Anthony Gay Board Member	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) David Gersch Board Member	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) Virginia Gibson Board Member	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) Matthew Glazer Board Member	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) Brandon Harrell Board Member (until 2-21-20)	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
<b>1b Subtotal</b>								0.	0.	0.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								136,000.	0.	4,140.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								136,000.	0.	4,140.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	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	4	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

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

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

**Part VII: Section A (continued)****Continuation Statement**

Name and title	Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations on the right)		Position						Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
			C1 - Individual trustee or director C2 - Institutional trustee C3 - Officer C4 - Key employee C5 - Highest compensated employee C6 - Former								
			C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6			
Katherine Hatton Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
John Huh Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Shauna Itri Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Priscilla Jiminez Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Mark Kasten Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Lea Knight Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Howard Langer Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Shannon E. McClure Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Michael T. McKeever Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Lauren McKenna Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
H. Laddie Montague Jr Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Tracy Palmer Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Kartik Patel Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Donald Perelman Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.

**Part VII: Section A (continued)****Continuation Statement**

Name and title	Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations on the right)		Position						Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
			C1 - Individual trustee or director C2 - Institutional trustee C3 - Officer C4 - Key employee C5 - Highest compensated employee C6 - Former								
			C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6			
Kenneth Racowski Board Member (until 6-4-20)	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Robin Roberts Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Jacqueline R. Robinson Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Curtis Shiver Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Colby Smith Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
David Smith Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
A. Michael Snyder Board Member (until 12-31-20)	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Hyung Steele Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Dana Trexler Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Phillip Wilson Board Member (until 6-4-20)	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Robert Wiygul Board Member	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Judy Yun Board Member (until 6-4-20)	2.00		X						0.	0.	0.

## Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

## Part VII: Section A (continued)

## Continuation Statement

Name and title	Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations on the right)		Position						Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
			C1 - Individual trustee or director	C2 - Institutional trustee	C3 - Officer	C4 - Key employee	C5 - Highest compensated employee	C6 - Former			
			C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6			
Jennifer Clarke Executive Director	40.00				X				136,000.	0.	4,140.
									136,000.	0.	4,140.

**Part VIII** Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
1a	Federated campaigns . . . . .	1a	17,021.				
b	Membership dues . . . . .	1b					
c	Fundraising events . . . . .	1c	39,000.				
d	Related organizations . . . . .	1d					
e	Government grants (contributions)	1e					
f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,919,989.				
g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f . . . . .	1g	\$ 91,811.				
h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			1,976,010.			
				Business Code			
2a	Fee/case costs awards		541100	10,767.	10,767.	0.	0.
b	Contracts & Honorarium		541100	140,448.	140,448.	0.	0.
c							
d							
e							
f	All other program service revenue . .						
g	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .			151,215.			
3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .			73,799.	0.	0.	73,799.
4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5	Royalties . . . . .						
				(i) Real (ii) Personal			
6a	Gross rents . . . . .	6a					
b	Less: rental expenses	6b					
c	Rental income or (loss)	6c					
d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
				(i) Securities (ii) Other			
7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	250,000.				
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	7b	241,511.				
c	Gain or (loss) . . . . .	7c	8,489.				
d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .			8,489.	0.	0.	8,489.
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 39,000. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	8a	39,970.				
b	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	8b	57,556.				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .			-17,586.		0.	-17,586.
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	9a					
b	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	9b					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	10a					
b	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	10b					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .						
				Business Code			
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue . . . . .						
e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .						
12	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .			2,191,927.	151,215.	0.	64,702.

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	142,140.	71,070.	35,535.	35,535.
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	1,008,528.	856,396.	73,626.	78,506.
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	23,645.	20,352.	1,577.	1,716.
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	52,141.	42,078.	4,901.	5,162.
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	86,334.	69,672.	8,115.	8,547.
<b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	48,758.	0.	48,758.	0.
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .	220,696.	133,081.	85,895.	1,720.
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	61,864.	41,855.	15,048.	4,961.
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .	42,603.	34,881.	3,595.	4,127.
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	156,142.	127,880.	13,116.	15,146.
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	2,122.	2,122.	0.	0.
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	3,421.	3,421.	0.	0.
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	10,653.	8,725.	895.	1,033.
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	27,175.	22,256.	2,283.	2,636.
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> Case/court costs . . . . .	17,337.	17,337.	0.	0.
<b>b</b> Dues & library . . . . .	15,029.	15,029.	0.	0.
<b>c</b> Newsletter & fundraising . . . . .	5,128.	1,999.	0.	3,129.
<b>d</b> . . . . .				
<b>e</b> All other expenses . . . . .				
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e . . . . .	1,923,716.	1,468,154.	293,344.	162,218.
<b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) . . . . .				



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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
1	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	719,677.	1	626,908.
2	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	317,373.	2	484,263.
3	Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	955,625.	3	926,514.
4	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	39,499.	4	23,862.
5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .		5	
6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .		6	
7	Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		7	
8	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		8	
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	35,535.	9	44,202.
10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	10a 188,547.		
b	Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	10b 154,048.	10c	34,499.
11	Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	1,966,097.	11	2,576,244.
12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	67,416.	12	72,847.
13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		13	
14	Intangible assets . . . . .		14	
15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	11,923.	15	11,923.
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	4,158,297.	16	4,801,262.
17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	61,800.	17	48,858.
18	Grants payable . . . . .		18	
19	Deferred revenue . . . . .	0.	19	0.
20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		20	
21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .	187,106.	21	198,327.
22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .		22	
23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		23	243,700.
24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		24	
25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .	24,517.	25	58,047.
26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	273,423.	26	548,932.
<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>				
27	Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .	2,949,915.	27	3,303,363.
28	Net assets with donor restrictions . . . . .	934,959.	28	948,967.
<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>				
29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		29	
30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		30	
31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		31	
32	<b>Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .</b>	3,884,874.	32	4,252,330.
33	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .</b>	4,158,297.	33	4,801,262.

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	2,191,927.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	1,923,716.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	268,211.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	3,884,874.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	99,245.
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	4,252,330.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b> Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
<b>b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . . If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . .		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits .		

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Inspection**

Name of the organization

THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER

Employer identification number

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>						

**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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	812,055.	1,137,240.	1,500,306.	2,409,546.	2,015,980.	7,875,127.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>4</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	812,055.	1,137,240.	1,500,306.	2,409,546.	2,015,980.	7,875,127.
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . . . .						1,543,126.
<b>6</b> <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4 . . . . .						6,332,001.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	812,055.	1,137,240.	1,500,306.	2,409,546.	2,015,980.	7,875,127.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .	9,896.	32,387.	92,872.	72,666.	73,799.	281,620.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>11</b> <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 . . . . .						8,156,747.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					<b>12</b>	3,257,062.
<b>13</b> <b>First 5 years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	77.63 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	76.2 %
<b>16a</b> <b>33⅓% support test—2020.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</b> <b>33⅓% support test—2019.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17a</b> <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</b> <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>18</b> <b>Private foundation.</b> 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 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.

If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . .						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . .						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . .						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . .						
<b>14 First 5 years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . .	<b>18</b>	%
<b>19a</b> <b>33⅓% support tests—2020.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓%, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</b> <b>33⅓% support tests—2019.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓%, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>20 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		



**Part IV** Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
<b>b</b> <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c</b> <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

**Part IV** Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>11a</b>		
<b>b</b> A family member of a person described in line 11a above?		
<b>11b</b>		
<b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>11c</b>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
<b>2</b>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described in line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
<b>3</b>		

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

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in <b>Part VI</b> how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in <b>Part VI</b> identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b> Did the activities described in line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
<b>2b</b>		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>3a</b>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role played by the organization in this regard.		
<b>3b</b>		

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

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

Section A—Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

  

Section B—Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

  

Section C—Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		



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

Section D—Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020			
a From 2015 . . . . .			
b From 2016 . . . . .			
c From 2017 . . . . .			
d From 2018 . . . . .			
e From 2019 . . . . .			
f <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2020. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7 <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2021.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2016 . . . . .			
b Excess from 2017 . . . . .			
c Excess from 2018 . . . . .			
d Excess from 2019 . . . . .			
e Excess from 2020 . . . . .			

**Part VI**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

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

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2020**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization

THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER

Employer identification number

23-1923398

**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (See instructions) . . . . . ▶ \$
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (See instructions) . . . . .

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 . . . . . ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 . . . . . ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities . . . . . ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities . . . . . ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b . . . . . ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

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



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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)														
<b>b</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
<b>c</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
<b>d</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
<b>e</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
<b>f</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<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.														
<b>g</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
<b>h</b>	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
<b>i</b>	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
<b>j</b>	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

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

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

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

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

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?		X	
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?	X		20.
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?	X		791.
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?	X		24.
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X		1,019.
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?	X		712.
<b>i</b> Other activities?	X		2,386.
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			4,952.
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

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

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

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

**Part IV** Supplemental Information

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

Pt II-B Line 1: DESCRIPTION OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Pt II-B Line 1: Federal: oppose change to guidance on school discipline; support

Competitive Employment Act, a bill designed to help job-seekers with disabilities

find fair wage employment alongside their peers; oppose proposed rule requiring

federal job applicants to disclose participation in diversion programs; oppose

proposed changes to public charge rule; oppose proposed changes to rules for

**Part IV** Supplemental Information (continued)

applying the disparate impact standard under the Fair Housing Act; oppose proposed changes to SNAP (food stamp) programs.

Pt II-B Line 1: State: review and legal research regarding amendments to election code, including support of amendments to absentee ballot provision to expand right to vote by mail; support legislation to expunge records of eviction filing; oppose proposed legislation to preempt local housing ordinances; oppose bill to allow streamlined removal of persons alleged to be squatters; oppose legislation to accelerate timeline for all eviction proceedings; oppose bill to expand tax credits for children to attend private school; support bills to strengthen lead safety; oppose bills to eliminate General Assistance; oppose legislation to impose a moratorium on closing state institutions for people with disabilities; advocacy to oppose

Pt II-B Line 1: legislation for expansion of charter schools without appropriate oversight.

Pt II-B Line 1: Local: support right to counsel in eviction proceedings; support expansion of lead law to require all buildings constructed before 1978 to be certified as lead safe, prepare letters to the editor in support; support improvements in City land disposition policies to account for community gardens; support amendments to City plan for Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing; support amendment to legislation regarding housing trust fund to require funds to be used for low income housing; oppose as written bill to regulate community benefits agreements.

Other: .

**SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,  
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

THE PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER

Employer identification number

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**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

**Part II Conservation Easements.**

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply). <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	<b>Held at the End of the Tax Year</b>
a Total number of conservation easements . . . . .	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements . . . . .	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) . . . . .	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register . . . . .	2d
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$	
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.	

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.	
b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ▶ \$ (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ▶ \$	
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . . ▶ \$ b Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . . ▶ \$	

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

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

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |                                 | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| 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, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII ☐

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	926,140.	605,791.	179,397.	177,656.	126,311.
b Contributions	727,523.	236,418.	454,277.	2,500.	51,345.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	89,627.	88,919.	-8,827.	14,117.	580.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	250,000.	3,839.	12,586.	8,875.	46.
f Administrative expenses	773.	1,149.	6,470.	6,001.	534.
g End of year balance	1,492,517.	926,140.	605,791.	179,397.	177,656.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 70.69%
- b Permanent endowment ▶ 29.31%
- c Term endowment ▶ 0. %

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

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

	Yes	No
(i) Unrelated organizations	3a(i) X	
(ii) Related organizations	3a(ii)	X
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

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

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0.			0.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		6,630.	1,105.	5,525.
d Equipment		181,917.	152,943.	28,974.
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				34,499.



**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.**

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

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

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.**

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

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

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

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes . . . . .	
(2) DEFERRED RENT . . . . .	58,047.
(3) . . . . .	
(4) . . . . .	
(5) . . . . .	
(6) . . . . .	
(7) . . . . .	
(8) . . . . .	
(9) . . . . .	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) . . . . .	58,047.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII . ☐

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	1	5,002,730.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	2a	99,245.
b	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	2b	2,654,002.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	2d	57,556.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .	2e	2,810,803.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .	3	2,191,927.
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 XIII.) . . . . .	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .	5	2,191,927.

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	1	4,635,274.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	2a	2,654,002.
b	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	2b	
c	Other losses . . . . .	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	2d	57,556.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .	2e	2,711,558.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .	3	1,923,716.
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 XIII.) . . . . .	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .	5	1,923,716.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Pt XI, Line 2d: Fundraiser expenses

Pt XII, Line 2d: Fundraiser expenses

Other: .

Pt IV, Line 2b: \$198,327 Fiscal sponsorships

Other: .

Pt V, Line 4: Board Designated Endowments - \$1,055,059 for long term financial support.

Pt V, Line 4: Permanent Endowment (Wolf Fund) - \$101,011 for operations

Pt V, Line 4: Permanent Endowment (Gilhool Fund) - \$72,847 for persons with disabilities

Pt V, Line 4: Permanent Endowment (Capital Campaign) - \$213,600 for long term

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

financial support.

Pt V, Line 4: Permanent Endowment (Social Justice) - \$50,000

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

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**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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

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

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

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants     |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events            |
| <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |   |

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

**b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
<b>Total</b> .....				▶		

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

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

	(a) Event #1 Annual Event (event type)	(b) Event #2 NONE (event type)	(c) Other events 0 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
1 Gross receipts . . . . .	78,970.			78,970.
2 Less: Contributions . . . . .	39,000.			39,000.
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	39,970.			39,970.
4 Cash prizes . . . . .				
5 Noncash prizes . . . . .	330.			330.
6 Rent/facility costs . . . . .	21,700.			21,700.
7 Food and beverages . . . . .				
8 Entertainment . . . . .	1,200.			1,200.
9 Other direct expenses . . . . .	34,326.			34,326.
10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				57,556.
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶				-17,586.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



- |    |  |                              |                             |
|----|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11 | Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 12 | Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 13 | Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:   |                              |                             |
| a  | The organization's facility  | 13a                          | %                           |
| b  | An outside facility  | 13b                          | %                           |
| 14 | Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:                                      |                              |                             |

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Address ►

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

Name ►

Address ►

**16 Gaming manager information:**

Name ▶

**Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$**

Description of services provided ►

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor

**17 Mandatory distributions:**

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

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

**SCHEDULE M**  
**(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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- ▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**  
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**Part I** Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art—Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .				
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities—Publicly traded . . . . .	X	6	91,811.	Fair market value
10 Securities—Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate—Residential . . . . .				
16 Real estate—Commercial . . . . .				
17 Real estate—Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ▶ ( ) . . . . .				
26 Other ▶ ( ) . . . . .				
27 Other ▶ ( ) . . . . .				
28 Other ▶ ( ) . . . . .				

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

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? . . . . .

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions? . . . . .

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

Yes No

30a		X

31	X	

32a	X	

**Part II** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Pt I Line 32b: Securities are sold through a brokerage account.

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

Department of the Treasury  
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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

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Pt VI, Line 2: .

Pt VI, Line 2: BOARD RELATIONSHIPS

Pt VI, Line 2: Two board members, Matthew Glazer and Mira Baylson, have a family relationship.

Pt VI, Line 8b: .

Pt VI, Line 8b: COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Pt VI, Line 8b: The Executive Committee is authorized to act on behalf of the board of directors. Minutes are kept of those meetings.

Pt VI, Line 11b: .

Pt VI, Line 11b: PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF FORM 990

Pt VI, Line 11b: Prior to filing, the Form 990 is given to the audit/finance committee to review during a meeting of the committee. The Form 990 is also provided to the entire board prior to filing.

Pt VI, Line 12c: .

Pt VI, Line 12c: CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Pt VI, Line 12c: The conflict of interest policy is regularly enforced. New board members and staff are provided with a copy of the policy and board members are asked each year to disclose any conflicts and/or certify that there are no such conflicts.

Pt VI, Line 15a: .

Pt VI, Line 15a: PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION.

Pt VI, Line 15a: The board's executive committee determines and sets the Executive Director's compensation. The Executive Director, in collaboration with the executive committee, determines and sets yearly compensation amounts for all program staff. The processes include gathering information on comparable salaries for similar

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positions within peer programs and non-profit programs in the area, reviewing compensation against projected revenue for the upcoming fiscal year's budget to ensure a balanced budget, and configuring compensation amounts per employee through an equity lens.

Pt VI, Line 19: .

Pt VI, Line 19: AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Pt VI, Line 19: The Law Center posts on its website its Form 1023 and IRS determination letter, three years of its Form 990, the Board Conflict of Interest Policy, the Recusal Policy for Lawyer Board Members, Articles of Incorporation and three years of its annual audited financial statements.

Other: .

Pt VI, Section C, Line 17:

State: FL

State: NJ

State: NY

Pt IX, Line 11g:

Description: BUSINESS PLAN

Total: \$33,600

Program services: \$0

Management and general: \$33,600

Description: RECRUITING

Total: \$49,000

Program services: \$0

Management and general: \$49,000

Description: GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

Total: \$64,663

Program services: \$64,663



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Description: EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Total: \$36,000

Program services: \$36,000

Description: PA SAFETY ALLIANCE

Total: \$4,500

Program services: \$4,500

Description: RENTERS UNITED

Total: \$9,000

Program services: \$9,000

Description: OTHER CONSULTANTS

Total: \$23,933

Program services: \$18,918

Management and general: \$3,295

Fundraising: \$1,720

PDF Attachments : ProSeries - 2020  
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Attachment	Type	Form/Schedule and Description
PILC_2020_f990.Attach-Programs.110421.pdf	Other	PILC - 2020 - Program Accomplishments
PILC_2020_f990.Attach-Litigation.110421.pdf	Other	PILC - 2020 - Stmt of Litigation



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## 2020 SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Public Interest Law Center uses high-impact legal strategies to advance the civil, social, and economic rights of communities in the Philadelphia region facing discrimination, inequality, and poverty. We use litigation, community education, advocacy, and organizing to secure access to fundamental resources and services.

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#### PROJECT UPDATES

### PUBLIC EDUCATION

#### School Funding Lawsuit:

*William Penn School District, et al. v. Pennsylvania Department of Education, et al.*

Pennsylvania state officials have adopted an irrational school funding scheme that does not provide for a “through and efficient system of education” as required by the Pennsylvania Constitution and that discriminates against children based on where they live and the wealth of their communities. Without sufficient funding from the state, school districts are forced to rely heavily on local property taxes, meaning students in low-wealth districts do not have access to

the same resources as their peers in wealthier areas, even though students living in poverty typically need more resources. This broken system creates gross disparities: Pennsylvania has the widest funding gap between rich and poor school districts in the nation. Under the current system, hundreds of thousands of students across the state cannot meet state-imposed academic standards.

Together with the Education Law Center-PA and O'Melveny & Myers LLP, we filed suit against state officials in November 2014, alleging the state legislature is in violation of the Pennsylvania State Constitution. The constitution directs the legislature to provide for "a thorough and efficient system of public education," which the current funding scheme does not accomplish. The current system also violates the Equal Protection Clause of the state constitution because children in low-wealth districts are being denied the same opportunity to receive an adequate education as children in high-wealth districts.

We represent six school districts, six families, the Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools and the NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference. In a landmark September 2017 opinion, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court said that the Petitioners' claims could go forward, opening the courthouse doors to the children of the Commonwealth. In July 2018, in response to State Senate President Pro Tempore Joseph Scarnati's attempt to dismiss the case, we filed briefs and affidavits showing that funding inequalities between wealthy and low-wealth school districts have widened since the case was filed, and state funding available for classroom expenses had declined. In August 2018, the Commonwealth Court denied Senator Scarnati's motion, allowing the case to move forward. In 2019, we conducted fact discovery in the case, taking and defending more than 60 days of depositions and producing thousands of pages of documents. This work continued in 2020 through July, with attorneys conducting remote depositions via Zoom. We commissioned eight expert reports, detailing the effects of insufficient state funding in Pennsylvania and the benefits of the programs that school districts would be able to fully implement with sufficient funding. In October 2020, we released the expert report drafted by Penn State education professor Matt Kelly to the press. This report found the Pennsylvania public schools are collectively underfunded by \$4.6 billion, according to a benchmark for adequate funding written in state law. This finding was reported in more than a dozen publications across Pennsylvania. Trial in the case is set to begin in November 2021.

#### **Education Advocacy and PA Schools Work**

Pennsylvania's state share of education funding is ranked 45th in the nation, contributing to large disparities between wealthy and poor school districts which must rely on local property taxes to fund schools. PA Schools Work is a non-partisan statewide campaign to ensure that all Pennsylvania schools are adequately and equitably funded by advocating for bold state investment in public education. As a founding member of the coalition, the Law Center is among dozens of other organizations in the state committed to research and advocacy efforts supporting student success. As part of PA Schools Work, we contribute to and produce original research on the impact of our current school funding system, guide public advocacy, and share regular updates on our school funding litigation.

In April 2020, we joined PA Schools Work partners to send a letter to Pennsylvania's congressional delegation, advocating for substantial federal aid to K-12 public schools who faced

the prospect of steep losses in revenue in the wake of COVID-19. Throughout the year, we continued to advocate with PA Schools Work for robust federal aid for public education. In 2020, we held 17 public presentations that explain how the current school funding system is broken, how it can be fixed, and how community members can advocate for increased funding. These presentations reached over 750 people in communities across the state.

#### **Supporting Families with Limited English Proficiency:**

##### **T.R. v. School District of Philadelphia**

Thousands of families in the School District of Philadelphia do not speak English as their primary language. Some of those families have children with disabilities. The School District has largely failed to provide appropriate translation and interpretation services to these families, limiting their ability to fully participate in their children's educational planning, which is especially important and legally required for students with disabilities. Together with Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP and the Education Law Center-PA, we filed a federal class action lawsuit alleging that thousands of parents and their children are denied their legal right to participate in the special education process when they are not provided with translation and interpretation services. The Court denied the School District's motion to dismiss in November 2016. After discovery, we moved for class certification, which the court denied in April 2019. In April 2020 the Court dismissed our client's claims, ruling that the additional plaintiffs who intervened when the original plaintiffs aged out of school were required to exhaust their IDEA remedies. We appealed the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. On July 9, 2021, the Court of Appeals affirmed the lower court's decision.

##### **Representing Parents in Chester Upland Concerned about Charter School Takeover**

Pennsylvania Act 141 allows the Commonwealth to declare certain school districts as being in "Financial Recovery Status" and place them under receivership. A "conversion" provision of the act allows the district in receivership to convert an existing public school to a charter school if that could result in financial savings. Chester Upland School District (CUSD) is one district in Pennsylvania that is in receivership under the act.

In November 2019, Chester Community Charter Schools (CCCS), CUSD's largest charter school provider, filed a petition in the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas asking the court to compel CUSD and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to include a request for proposals to convert CUSD's remaining elementary schools into charter schools in a yet-to-be-filed revised recovery plan. Schools operated by CCCS have worse academic performance than CUSD schools, and parents have raised concerns about access to services for students with disabilities. The proposed conversion would also significantly limit parent choice.

In December 2019, we, along with lawyers at the Education Law Center-PA, helped three CUSD parents and an advocacy organization that supports student with disabilities file an emergency petition to intervene in the case, arguing that the charter conversion proposal circumvents notice procedures that require it to be part of an overall plan, subject to public review; and that any process must account for the quality of children's education. On February 24, 2020, Delaware County Court of Common Pleas granted our clients' petition to intervene in CUSD's evaluation of its Financial Recovery Plan, which included a request for proposals process to convert its schools to charter schools. We demanded transparency in a process that was often opaque, and



we successfully advocated for the court to clearly require that all charter school proposals be assessed for their impact on academic achievement. Following our filing of an emergency motion to obtain information about the proposals submitted, the names of three bidders seeking to convert several district schools were released on March 10, 2021: Chester Community Charter School, Friendship Education Foundation, and Global Leadership Academy. We supported parent advocacy for quality public education in the district, including at a public meeting in May 2021, and worked to ensure public awareness of the process by securing regular press coverage in the *Delaware County Daily Times*, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and *WHYY*. On June 29, 2021, CUSD receiver Juan Baughn rejected all three proposals, a decision we strongly supported, as none of the three bidders demonstrated a sufficient plan for the future of the district.

#### ***Nicole B. v. School District of Philadelphia***

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In 2019, we continued our efforts to support a case affirming the right of Pennsylvania students to seek redress for harassment in schools under the Pennsylvania Human Resources Act (PHRA), the state's anti-discrimination law. The case concerns an elementary school student, N.B., who faced increasingly violent racial and sexual harassment in school in part because he did not conform to traditional gender roles.

In 2014, N.B.'s mother Nicole B. filed suit against the School District of Philadelphia, her son's teacher and her son's principal in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. The suit claimed that under the PHRA the defendants discriminated against N.B. by repeatedly failing to act to prevent persistent and continual harassment. The court granted a motion of nonsuit in the case, accepting the argument that Nicole B.'s claim was filed beyond the statute of limitations.

In July 2018, joined by the Education Law Center-PA and Juvenile Law Center, represented by pro bono counsel from DLA Piper, we filed an amicus brief in support of Nicole B.'s appeal in Commonwealth Court. We argued that the practice of minority tolling, or extending the statute of limitations in cases brought on behalf of minors, is important in order to give students meaningful access to the protections of the PHRA. In many other states and in federal cases, courts have held that minority tolling applies to anti-discrimination cases. We also presented studies demonstrating that the kind of student-to-student harassment at issue in this case can have devastating consequences on students, years after the fact. The negative outcomes associated with being a victim of bullying are particularly likely to manifest, and to be more acute, in vulnerable student populations such as students of color and students who do not fit gender stereotypes or are or perceived to be LGBT.

Commonwealth Court refused to consider the merits of the case, ruling that the statute of limitations had expired. In January 2019, we, along with the same group of amici, filed an amicus brief in the PA Supreme Court, asking that it agree to review the Commonwealth Court's decision. In August 2019, when the Court agreed to review the case, we filed an amicus brief supporting the petitioners. In September 2020, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court held that minority tolling applies in cases of school-based harassment and bullying, ruling that minors had until six months after they turn 18 to file complaints under PHRA.

## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

### **Garden Justice Legal Initiative**

Philadelphia has tens of thousands of abandoned, vacant lots. For decades, many communities have put these spaces back to productive use by creating gardens or farms or establishing open, community spaces. But outdated city policies and a quagmire of city agencies too often cause gardeners, farmers and community members difficulty when they attempt to secure legal access to maintain their spaces. Through our Garden Justice Legal Initiative, we provide pro bono legal services, policy advocacy, community education and organizing support to residents, community gardeners and market farmers in historically disinvested neighborhoods, communities of color and refugee communities.

In 2020 we represented 7 gardens and farms to help them stay on their land. The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant challenges for urban agriculture and community gardening in Philadelphia. In response, we worked with leaders from Soil Generation, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Neighborhood Gardens Trust, and gardeners and farmers across the city to release guidance for urban agriculture and community gardening during COVID-19 on our Grounded in Philly website (<https://groundedinphilly.org/covid19/>). In the early days of the pandemic, we also successfully advocated for garden workers to be classified as essential in Philadelphia, and the gardens were allowed to continue to operate when non-essential businesses were closed. Our advocacy helped lead to a 12 month automatic extension of leases issued by the Philadelphia Land Bank for community gardens.

In 2020, we offered 3 Vacant Land 215 trainings on the basics of gaining legal access to vacant land for community gardens to 181 people. More than 2,000 people attended continuing legal education (CLE) programs, events, and conference presentations on urban agriculture and environmental justice law led by our staff. Finally, we supported Soil Generation, a Black-led coalition of community gardeners and market farmers working to influence city policies that affect urban agriculture.

Throughout 2020, we worked with community gardeners and urban farmers to help shape city policies related to land and urban agriculture. We continued to work with City staff and advocates to develop an urban agriculture strategic plan. We advocated directly with Land Bank staff to promote a more equitable and functional process. We advocated for a moratorium on sheriff's sale during the COVID-19 pandemic, and a moratorium was ultimately implemented by Philadelphia's City Council in March 2020. We highlighted the ways that privately-owned tax liens which were sold by the City of Philadelphia to U.S. Bank in 1997 continue to make it more difficult to secure vacant land for productive use by community gardeners. We continued to contribute through our membership in the Mayor's Food Policy Advisory Council.

### **Supporting Residents in Eastwick**

The Eastwick neighborhood in Southwest Philadelphia lives with the legacy of the nation's largest redevelopment project (which displaced 8,000 people), decades of disinvestment, school closures, and two superfund sites. Flooding is also a frequent challenge in this low-lying community, and this risk will increase in years to come as climate change fuels more frequent extreme weather events. For the last six years, with pro bono support from Dechert LLP, we

have provided legal and advocacy support to Eastwick Friends and Neighbors Coalition (EFNC) in their efforts to stave off an environmentally unsound and unwanted proposal to develop 135 acres of land in their community. In 2015 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (PRA) and developer Korman Residential reached an historic agreement to return control of the 135 acres to the city and community. PRA pledged to lead a community-based planning process for the undeveloped land in Eastwick and the entire neighborhood.

The hard-won Lower Eastwick planning strategy launched in January of 2017 with a public participation process. In 2019, with our support, EFNC released a 94-page feasibility study creating a shared vision between the city and community for the 200-acre parcel that has remained unused since 1961. The EFNC also successfully pushed for a cleanup of environmental waste in Eastwick, which was listed as one of most contaminated places in the country, and the city agreed to pay 8.4 million toward the cleanup.

Our work in Eastwick continued on several fronts in 2020. In August 2020, residents in Eastwick were displaced after a severe rainstorm caused the Superfund site to flood, potentially exposing residents to dangerous toxins as they retrieved their belongings from their flooded homes. We are working to enact local emergency notification requirements that would create a structure for notifying residents living near toxic sites when flooding is imminent. It would also require the City to provide information on water and soil toxicity levels for several months following the weather emergency to ensure residents are not further exposed to harmful toxins.

Concerns around how the built and natural environment affect the quality of life in Eastwick continue, particularly as the worsening effects of Climate Change affect their low-lying flood prone neighborhood. Many residents have concerns that the City's proposed development of Eastwick's surplus land will exacerbate existing flooding issues in the community. We recently brokered a joint meeting between the two main resident organizations in Eastwick to collectively decide on a strategy to engage the City and ensure that the community's voice is elevated in the planning process for surplus land in Eastwick

#### **Norris Square Neighborhood Project**

We represented Norris Square Neighborhood Project, a 501(c)(3) non-profit that supports the voices and aspirations of the community, providing opportunities for self-expression rooted in art and culture. After acquiring title to over 30 of its garden parcels, NSNP began receiving real estate tax bills spanning 20 years and totaling \$38,000.00.

In 2018, we filed 31 appeals in the Court of Common Pleas—one for each parcel—from decisions of the Board of Revision of Taxes denying NSNP's application for retroactive elimination of the taxes. We argued that during the time period in question, NSNP operated as a registered 501(c)(3), exempt from such taxes under the Pennsylvania Constitution Article 8, Section 2 and Section 5020-204 of the Pennsylvania General County Assessment Law. We also argued that, without record title to these properties, NSNP had previously lacked the standing to seek a real estate tax exemption. In 2019, we resolved these appeals with the City of Philadelphia agreeing to waive all back taxes. In 2020, we continue to work with NSNP to facilitate the forgiveness of back taxes.

### **Developing a Community Benefit Agreement with Wynnefield Residents and PECO**

Community Benefit Agreements, or CBAs, are contracts between community-based organizations and developers that establish developers' commitments to provide a range of benefits related to a proposed project. Meaningful CBAs, with substantive goals, transparent negotiation, and measures of accountability, can be used to address environmental impacts, educational gaps, housing insecurity, and other pressing issues in communities that have historically faced disinvestment.

In 2018, we began representing the Wynnefield Residents Association in negotiations with PECO to establish a CBA addressing PECO's plan to construct a new electric substation in Wynnefield. Residents only learned about the project by happenstance, as PECO had no legal requirement to hold public meetings or post notices in the community. On November 19, 2019, with our support, the WRA and PECO finalized a Community Benefits Agreement, which provides annual grants for community organizations, job-training programs for residents, and continued landscaping and maintenance of the area surrounding the substation. This community partnership continues, and PECO began offering spots in its pre-apprenticeship program to residents of Wynnefield and other Philadelphia neighborhoods in October 2021.

### **Baptiste v. Bethlehem Landfill Company**

In 2019, Robin and Dexter Baptiste sued the Bethlehem Landfill Company on behalf of themselves and other residents of Freemansburg, PA, who experienced uncontained noxious odors from a landfill site. They asserted claims of public nuisance, private nuisance, and negligence. The District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania dismissed the suit, holding that the Baptistes and their neighbors could not file a private nuisance claim because the odors affected a widespread area and a large group of people.

On July 15, 2019, we filed an amicus brief supporting the Freemansburg residents' appeal to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. We were joined as amici by Philly Thrive, an environmental justice organization, and represented by pro bono counsel from Miner, Barnhill & Galland, P.C. In our brief, we detailed the ways that Black, Hispanic, and low-income communities face a disproportionate impact from environmental pollution. We argued that private nuisance claims have for centuries given homeowners and renters a tool for resisting pollution generated within their communities, allowing them to find solutions that federal regulation and public nuisance law cannot provide.

On July 13, 2020, in a precedential decision, the Third Circuit Court of appeals reversed the District Court decision, ruling that the private nuisance claim was valid under Pennsylvania law and remanding the case to District Court. This Third Circuit decision clarified important facts about nuisance law in Pennsylvania: private and public nuisance claims are not mutually exclusive, and private nuisance claims can be filed by large groups of people. An environmental hazard can affect a large class of individuals in a way that limits their private and individual right—in this case, the right of Freemansburg residents to use and enjoy their homes and yards.

In its decision, the Court cited our brief in support of the importance of the right to make private nuisance claims in environmental justice communities: "Their supporting *amici* emphasize that this private right is of greater importance to historically underrepresented communities whose

interests are not always fully addressed by public agencies or through the political process. For instance, recent studies have shown that environmental pollution, including from landfills, has a disparate impact on racial-ethnic minorities and low-income communities... Yet environmental laws remain underenforced in those communities.”

## HOUSING

Hundreds of thousands of people in Philadelphia live in unhealthy, uninhabitable homes that make them sick. Technically, the city provides protection for tenants in the form of laws requiring landlords to maintain housing quality and to make disclosures to tenants. However, landlords frequently ignore these laws. Tenants are often unaware of their legal protections, and with only a handful of full-time lawyers available to provide representation to low-income tenants for free, most tenants have no ability to hold landlords accountable. We are working to change this dynamic by bringing affirmative cases against landlords that fail to comply with state and local laws.

### **City of Philadelphia v. Brith Sholom Winit: Helping seniors assert their right to safe housing**

Brith Sholom House, a 12-story apartment building in Philadelphia, is home to 283 senior citizens, most of whom live on fixed incomes. For over a decade Brith Sholom House has lacked an updated fire suppression system that complies with the Philadelphia Code. Building residents have also experience outages of hot water and heat, along with infestations of pests like mice and raccoons. When tenants first approached the Law Center, the building’s owners, Brith Sholom Winit L.P., did not have a rental license due to their outstanding code violations. Under City law, they cannot legally collect rent. Despite this, they have continued to demand that their tenants pay rent they do not owe. Some tenants, asserting their legal rights and demanding much-needed repairs, refused.

The current owners of the building purchased the high-rise in 2012. In 2018, they were cited by the Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspection for violation of the City’s fire code. In April 2019, with the fire safety system and other violations of Philadelphia housing code still unaddressed, Brith Sholom Winit L.P. lost its rental license. That did not stop them from demanding rent from their tenants, violating Philadelphia law.

On January 4, 2020, the worst fears of many residents were realized when a fire broke out in the building. Hundreds of residents, many of whom have mobility difficulties, evacuated or sheltered in their rooms as smoke began to fill several floors. Though their outdated system slowed down responding firefighters, no one was seriously injured.

On February 7, 2020, in an audacious move, the owners filed an emergency motion requesting that the Court grant them a rental license and force these tenants to pay—without providing any further assurances that legally required safety upgrades will be made, after a fire occurred in the building. With pro-bono co-counsel from Dechert LLP, we represented two Brith Sholom tenants who filed a petition to intervene, which was granted, to oppose their landlord’s motion and enforce their right to safe housing.



At a hearing on March 10, 2020, in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, the judge denied Brith Sholom Winit L.P.'s request for a conditional rental license and ordered that all rent illegally collected since October 2019 must be returned to the tenants. The fire suppression system was updated in the building in October 2020. Brith Sholom Winit L.P.'s appeal is pending before Commonwealth Court. We continue to support our clients and other tenants.

### **Taking on Source of Income Discrimination in Philadelphia**

Housing choice vouchers help low-income families navigate the increasingly expensive private rental market, but many landlords in Philadelphia categorically reject tenants who use this housing assistance. However, this refusal to accept vouchers is prohibited under Philadelphia's Fair Practices Ordinance, which forbids discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations and explicitly bars landlords from refusing to rent based on "any lawful source of income, [including]...housing assistance programs."

The Philadelphians who are affected by sources of income discrimination are disproportionately Black tenants. More than 80 percent of the more than 20,000 Philadelphia households who use Housing Choice Voucher are Black, while Black households make up only 40 percent of the total renter population in the city.

In 2019, the Law Center filed complaints against landlords which refused to accept vouchers with the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations ("PCHR") on behalf of Tomika Anglin and Willie Taylor. Mr. Taylor is a Black man with disabilities who sought to use a Housing Choice Voucher for a home that is more accessible than his current one. However, the landlord was unwilling to accept his voucher. Ms. Anglin faced similar difficulties in finding housing with the housing choice voucher. On July 29, 2021, in one of the complaints filed on behalf of Ms. Anglin against a prospective landlord, the PCHR issued a probable cause finding, determining "that more likely than not, the actions alleged in the complaint occurred due to discrimination." The parties will be participating in mediation in November 2021.

### **Taking on illegal evictions in Philadelphia during the COVID-19 crisis**

In any given year, one in fourteen Philadelphians face an eviction filing. In 2020, the City of Philadelphia issued a moratorium on all evictions while residents faced the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, which left many residents unemployed and struggling with housing instability. However, some Philadelphia landlords took matters into their own hands, illegally seeking to force out their tenants by changing the locks, shutting out utilities, or issuing threats. We joined advocates for tenants across the city to defend renters against these illegal evictions.

Law Center attorneys represented clients in their fights against illegal evictions during the eviction moratorium, working to ensure that all tenants had safe housing where they could comply with the stay-at-home order and protect their health. We collaborated with the courts to develop new procedures to expedite the proceedings of urgent cases, spread information on tenants' rights through public education including widely-shared social media graphics on illegal evictions, and began taking referrals from a legal aid hotline. In addition to this advocacy, we advised 8 renters who were facing illegal lockouts and filed lawsuits on behalf of 4 of them.

### **Advocating for housing stability during and following the COVID-19 crisis**

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that renters had safe and stable housing became an essential part of ensuring public health. On March 12, 2020 we drafted a letter to Philadelphia City Council in support of a proposed citywide eviction moratorium in which was signed by 24 tenant advocacy and legal aid organizations. The eviction moratorium began on March 16. We were active in support of Philadelphia's Emergency Housing Protection Act, which passed in July 2020 and offered a slate of protection for tenants, including a required eviction diversion program that became a nationwide model. Facing the prospect of a wave of evictions following the expiration of the eviction moratorium and other emergency supports, we also advocated for new state legislation sealing eviction records during the pandemic and restricting the use of eviction filing records in housing decisions. For renters, an eviction filing can make it difficult to find safe and healthy housing for years to come—even if they never lose their case in court.

### **Renters United Philadelphia / Inquilinxs en la Lucha Philadelphia**

In 2019, recognizing that many of the barriers and challenges faced by renters occur outside the courtroom, we launched Renters United Philadelphia /Inquilinxs en la Lucha Philadelphia (RUP), a citywide organization of renters who share a building, a landlord, or a neighborhood. RUP aims to organize and educate renters to fight for their rights to quality housing in the streets, in the courts, and in City Hall. It accomplishes this by building the collective power needed to address members' housing concerns using a variety of tactics, including direct action and, if necessary, litigation.

In 2020, RUP continued organizing with tenants of MCM Management Solutions properties in the Frankford neighborhood to demand basic repairs, health protections, and meetings with their landlord. Despite the increased challenge of navigating community organizing during a global pandemic, RUP held eight actions and protests in 2020 to hold MCM accountable to its duty to provide safe and stable housing. The organization shifted their education and outreach tools during the COVID-19 pandemic by utilizing social media and text message programs to increase digital outreach, holding monthly virtual renters' rights clinics, and organizing car caravans to protest unsafe housing conditions in a socially distant manner.

Thanks to the resilience and strength of its members and community organizers, RUP stood strong against increased arbitrary lease non-renewals. Even though the City Council passed emergency housing protections in light of the pandemic, many tenants throughout Philadelphia and in MCM properties were subjected to unfair and illegal practices from their landlords, including non-renewals, arbitrary fees, and pest infestations. In December 2020, RUP came together in bitter winter weather to protest the non-renewal of one of its tenant leader's leases—even though he had paid ahead beyond the terms of his current lease through rental assistance. In January 2021, RUP secured a renewed lease for this tenant. RUP continues to organize for dignity, safety, and security in housing.

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Preparing Students with Disabilities for Life After School**

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), students who receive special education are entitled to transition services to help them prepare for adulthood, including for employment, as part of their Individualized Education Program (IEP). We offer legal representation, legal advice, and know-your-rights education to families in preparing their student for life after high school. Such representations include providing assistance in understanding educational records, relaying information about entitlements under IDEA, connecting families with additional resources, and representing families in administrative hearings.

In 2020, through presentations, conferences and community meetings, we reached 224 parents, advocates and teachers. These presentations aim to inform audience members about IDEA and Pennsylvania special education laws, including the right to receive transition services. Our presentations include tips on how to set actionable goals and obtain services.

As part of our efforts to hold Pennsylvania accountable for preparing students with disabilities for life after school, we analyzed quarterly reports from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), tracking certain metrics showing OVR's progress toward providing career readiness services for students with disabilities. These reports are mandated by Pennsylvania's Work Experience for High School Students with Disabilities Act, known as Act 26, passed in 2016. We began by analyzing the first six quarterly Act 26 reports on October 24, 2018, showing that the rates of services being provided to students are extremely low, and that the reports lack sufficient data for stakeholders to understand the scope of Act 26's impact. These trends continued. In September 2020, our analysis of the first two quarters of the 2019-2020 school year found that the data reported from OVR continued to be unreliable, with large unexplained discrepancies in the number of eligible students.

### **Long v. SEPTA**

In 2016, in partnership with Outten & Golden LLP, Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equity, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Willig, Williams & Davidson, we filed a class action lawsuit in federal court against the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) challenging its practice of denying employment to bus drivers with criminal records. We brought the suit on behalf of three job applicants: Frank Long, a 56-year-old resident of Philadelphia and a commercially licensed bus driver who had a job offer rescinded by SEPTA because of a decades-old conviction on his record; Joseph Shipley, 45, whose offer for a railroad supervisor manager job was revoked when SEPTA learned he had a 2001 drug conviction; and Michael White, 33, who was also denied a bus operator position because of an old drug conviction. The lawsuit alleges that this hiring practice violates the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) in obtaining consumer reports for employment purposes because it does not outline a required "clear and conspicuous" disclosure that it may seek a background check for hiring purposes, or provide an opportunity for job applicants to review or respond to these reports. We also allege that SEPTA violates the state's Criminal History Record Information Act (CHRIA) by disqualifying applicants for jobs operating SEPTA vehicles based on unrelated convictions.

In September 2018, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the right of job applicants to sue for violations of FCRA in a precedential decision, providing a victory for applicants with criminal records and strengthening their right to advocate for themselves. The Court remanded the case to the District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for further proceedings. In August 2019, we filed a second amended class action complaint. On January 19, 2021, we reached a tentative settlement agreement between our clients and SEPTA, which agreed to rescind its blanket ban on job applicants with prior drug convictions, prioritize hiring applicants who were previously denied under the policy, and pay a \$3.6 million settlement. The District Court granted final approval of the class settlement on October 8, 2021.

#### **Education for Workers and Employers on Disability Employment Discrimination**

We continued our work taking on disability employment discrimination to help people with disabilities access and remain in the workforce. We urge employers to adhere to laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, which require employers to provide reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities. In 2020 we presented at three community education events, reaching more than 45 people.

#### **Community Redevelopment Legal Assistance Program**

Between 2008 and 2014, nearly 10 percent of owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia went into foreclosure. In the wake of this housing crisis, Bank of America agreed to a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice, the proceeds of which fund national efforts to repair the damage from the foreclosures. In Pennsylvania, funding from this settlement supports the Community Redevelopment Legal Assistance program, which brings together legal organizations—the Law Center, Community Legal Services, and Philadelphia Legal Assistance—to provide free legal services which help residents of East Oak Lane, West Oak Lane, and Germantown stay in their homes. These three communities in Northwest Philadelphia are known as middle neighborhoods, which are affordable areas with relatively high rates of homeownership and stability. Since 2008, predominantly Black middle neighborhoods like Germantown and the Oak Lanes have suffered disproportionately high rates of foreclosure, vacancy, and unemployment when compared to white middle neighborhoods. As part of this project in 2020, we published an easy to navigate “Know Your Rights” reference page for job applicants with criminal histories on our website.

#### **Community Education on the Rights of Job-Seekers with Criminal Histories**

We help increase access to living wage employment by providing Know Your Rights training to job seekers with criminal records and reaching out to employers, advocates, and pro-bono partners to raise awareness of legal protections for job seekers that are too-often unknown or ignored. In 2020, we held 6 presentations in the area for employers, pro-bono partners and job-seekers, reaching more than 160 people.

#### **Defy Ventures, Inc. et al. v. U.S. Small Business Administration et al.**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the CARES Act, including provisions for the Small Business Administration (SBA) to issue \$350 billion in loans and grants to aid small businesses. Aid was provided through two programs, the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loans program. While the CARES Act passed by Congress

established no restrictions on business owners' aid eligibility pertaining to criminal histories, the SBA imposed extensive eligibility restrictions for business owners with criminal records.

Often facing barriers to employment on the job market, a significant number of people with criminal records start their own businesses. After doing so, they frequently provide a source of employment for others with criminal histories. Advocates and business owners felt that the SBA's unprecedented aid restrictions would hinder on the ability of small business owners with criminal histories to maintain their business and pay their employees, in the process creating a ripple effect in communities of color that have faced the deepest impact of mass incarceration.

On April 10, 2020, we drafted a joint letter from civil rights organizations across the country sent to Congress, the Treasury Secretary, and the administrator of the SBA calling on them to remove the draconian, discriminatory exclusions on COVID-19 relief eligibility for small business owners with criminal histories. When no action was taken, on June 16, 2020, we joined the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs to file a lawsuit in federal court alleging that these exclusionary aid eligibility rules were arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedures Act. We represented two affected business owners—Sekwan Merritt of Baltimore, MD, the owner of a small electrical contracting company; and John Garland of Bethpage, NY, the majority owner of a graphic design business—and Defy Ventures, a nonprofit organization that works with formerly incarcerated people to provide them entrepreneurial training and support.

Following this lawsuit, the SBA issued a new rule on June 24, 2020 allowing a wider range of small business owners with criminal histories to apply for COVID-19 relief through the PPP loan program. Five days later, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland ruled that the SBA's previous aid eligibility restrictions placed on small business owners with criminal histories were illegal and granted plaintiffs an extension to apply for Paycheck Protection Program loans. The new, fairer standards made a difference. A 2021 analysis from the Rand Corporation found that nearly 4 percent of all small businesses nationwide have owners with a criminal history. Under the original, strict PPP restrictions, 212,655 small businesses, with more than 340,000 employees, had owners with a felony record within the last five years and were disqualified from emergency aid. The revised rule our litigation brought about, combined with further changes initiated by the Biden administration, cut the number of ineligible businesses by 95 percent.

## **HEALTHCARE**

### **Expanding Medicaid Access to Children in Florida**

In 2005, we filed a federal class action lawsuit against Florida state Medicaid officials on behalf of the Florida Pediatric Society, the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and a class of approximately two million children enrolled in or eligible for Florida's Medicaid program, which provides healthcare to poor children and children with disabilities. The case alleged that Florida's Medicaid program did not provide adequate medical and dental care. After more than



ten years of litigation, the parties reached a settlement in 2016. Under the agreement, more children will receive services as a result of significantly increased numbers of physicians and dentists, including specialists, who will accept Medicaid patients as a result of higher payment to Medicaid providers

The settlement agreement provides for ongoing monitoring through September 2022, to ensure that hundreds of thousands of children in Florida will continue to have better access to quality medical and dental care. Throughout 2020, we continued to monitor Florida's implementation of this settlement agreement, including periodic meetings with state Medicaid officials.

### **Defending Philadelphia's Lost and Stolen Gun Ordinance**

In Philadelphia, gun violence is a public health crisis. It is also one of the most pernicious manifestations of segregation and racial inequality, with the vast majority of shooting victims being Black men and youth in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. Throughout 2019, we worked with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to research new legal strategies to reduce firearm injury and death in the face of a Pennsylvania state preemption law, which has been used to block Philadelphia's attempts to enact local gun violence prevention ordinances.

We initiated one such legal approach when the City of Philadelphia filed an enforcement action against an individual who had violated a local ordinance requiring residents to report lost or stolen firearms. This ordinance had been on the books for several years but had not been enforced because of concern about the state preemption law. The individual then filed for a permanent injunction, which would have prevented the city from enforcing the ordinance against him or anyone else. In early 2020 we sought and obtained leave to intervene on behalf of gun violence prevention organizations and individuals who had lost loved ones to gun violence, seeking to defend the City's right to enforce this commonsensical law, which will help keep illegal firearms off the street and save lives. In November 2020, the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas denied the request for a permanent injunction. The defendant in the enforcement action filed an appeal to Commonwealth Court, where briefing is now complete and argument is scheduled to take place in November 2021.

### **Taking on Statewide Preemption of Local Gun Safety Ordinances**

#### ***Stanley Crawford et al. v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania***

Gun violence has increased at an alarming rate in Philadelphia. There were 499 homicides in Philadelphia in 2020, the highest number reported since 1990. Further, as reported by the Philadelphia Inquirer, 2,240 people were shot—40% more than in any previous police-recorded year. But gun violence does not impact all Philadelphians equally: it disproportionality harms low-income communities of color. Firearm homicide is the leading cause of death for Black teenagers and young Black men in Philadelphia between the ages of 15 and 34. For the city as a whole, it is the 11th leading cause of death. In short, gun violence is not only a public health crisis in Philadelphia; it is a civil rights crisis.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly refuses to pass or consider statewide gun safety measures that peer-reviewed research studies show will save lives, like permit to purchase. At the same time, state laws obstruct local officials who attempt to respond to rising gun violence. On October 7, 2020, we joined the City of Philadelphia to file a lawsuit seeking to change that.

Partnering with pro bono co-counsel from Hogan Lovells, we represent residents of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh who have lost family members to gun violence and CeaseFirePA. We are challenging the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's Firearm Preemption Laws in Commonwealth Court.

Examples of local gun safety legislation restricted by Pennsylvania's Firearm Preemption Laws are ordinances limiting handgun purchases to one per month and ordinances providing for extreme risk protection orders. The lawsuit argues that "the Pennsylvania General Assembly handcuffs local governments so that they cannot enact or enforce even simple, well-researched policies that have been repeatedly shown to save lives, while it also refuses to enact statewide gun safety laws," thereby violating the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty under the Pennsylvania Constitution.

On June 9, 2021, our clients appeared in Commonwealth Court for oral argument to defend their case against state legislative leaders' attempts to dismiss it. During argument, Alex Bowerman, Senior Associate at Hogan Lovells, called out the disparate harm faced by the petitioners, noting that Black Pennsylvanians are 19 times more likely to be killed by gunfire, and residents of the city's poorest neighborhoods are 25 times more likely to be the victim of a fatal shooting compared to those living in wealthier areas. Numerous amici from around the Commonwealth filed briefs in support of the litigation, including the City of Pittsburgh, the City of Harrisburg, a coalition of smaller municipalities, trauma surgeons and emergency room doctors, and prominent national gun safety organizations Everytown for Gun Safety and Giffords. A ruling on whether the case will proceed is pending.

#### **Pennsylvania Safety Alliance**

In July 2020, the Law Center joined the Philadelphia Department of Public Health to help launch the PA Safety Alliance, a coalition of medical professionals, churches, gun owners, teachers, and more from across the Commonwealth. The Alliance has a mission of saving lives and preventing injury by promoting sensible, evidence-based firearm policies. The PA Safety Alliance advocates both for gun licensing laws and requiring a permit to purchase a handgun, both of which require someone who is purchasing a firearm to interact with a licensing agent, rather than only a gun dealer.

These laws have been associated with decreases in gun violence across the United States. Connecticut's firearm homicide rate decreased by 40% and its firearm suicide rate decreased by 15% after passing its firearm licensing law. On the other hand, Missouri's firearm homicide rate increased by 25% and its firearm suicide rate increased by 16% following the repeal of its licensing law.

#### **Protecting Prisoners in FDC Philadelphia During COVID-19**

As the COVID-19 pandemic spread internationally, prisoners in the Philadelphia Federal Detention Center (FDC), where nearly 900 mostly pre-trial prisoners are held, were largely unable to exercise even basic safety precautions. On April 15, 2020, the Law Center along with pro bono counsel from Dilworth Paxson LLP and All Rise Trial & Appellate filed a putative class action lawsuit in federal court against the warden of the FDC on behalf of three incarcerated individuals in the Philadelphia FDC, seeking the release of medically vulnerable

prisoners to home confinement and better public health conditions for those who remained incarcerated.

In November 2020, more frequent testing revealed a massive outbreak, with more than 20 percent of prisoners testing positive. On November 19, 2020 District Court issued an order in the case, directing the FDC to inform every prisoner in the detention center of a process for requesting release to home confinement if they had medical conditions that increased their risk for severe complications from COVID-19.

Cases in the facility declined sharply in spring 2021. As vaccines for COVID-19 became available, our strategy shifted. Initial vaccination delivery in the facility showed a large disparity between prisoners and staff, with 13 prisoners and 131 staff receiving vaccinations as of March 5, 2021. Responding to our case and through agreement with the petitioners, FDC Philadelphia ensured that the vaccine is available to all prisoners. However, availability alone is not enough. We worked to provide prisoners with accurate and independent information on the importance of COVID-19 vaccination in jails.

Through an agreement reached as part of this case, FDC Philadelphia prisoners were shown a video documentary produced by the MacArthur Justice Center at the University of Mississippi School of Law, featuring medical professionals and formerly incarcerated individuals explaining the safety and efficacy of the vaccine. As of July 8, 2021, 452 prisoners and 185 staff have been vaccinated for COVID-19. On July 8, 2021, we and our clients concluded our case against FDC Philadelphia after more than a year of advocacy.

## VOTING

### Taking on Prison Gerrymandering in Pennsylvania

The 47,000 inmates in Pennsylvania are counted for Census purposes as residents of the cells in which they are incarcerated, rather than the towns or cities from where they came. This results in a system in which some legislative districts—those in largely rural areas where prisons and jails are located—are recorded as having higher populations and therefore greater political representation, while the primarily urban legislative districts where inmates largely hail from lose population and political power. This practice is known as prison gerrymandering.

Throughout 2020, the Law Center advocated with state officials to ensure that when the next state and federal legislative districts are drawn, following the 2020 Census, Pennsylvania will count prison inmates in their hometowns for redistricting purposes, joining other states, such as New York, Maryland and Delaware. We believe that this is required by the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania Election Code in order to fully follow the principle of “one person, one vote.” We have been leading advocates on this issue for five years. On August 24, the Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission voted to count most state prisoners at their last known home addresses, rather than the addresses of their cells, when determining legislative district boundaries.

## **Protecting Our Right to Vote in 2020**

Amid a once-a-century pandemic and a drumbeat of misinformation and threats from prominent national politicians, we spent 2020 protecting the right to vote in Pennsylvania.

The COVID-19 public health crisis created a critical need for a robust mail-in voting system. Amid unprecedented demand for mail-in ballots and absentee ballots, extending the receipt deadline for mail-in and absentee ballots and sent or postmarked by Election Day was not only a common sense change to ensure that our elections were safe and accessible, but required by the Constitution to prevent disenfranchisement of tens of thousands of voters. In a lawsuit filed in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in April 2020, we represented voters and voting organizations in two lawsuits seeking to protect the right to vote by demanding an Election Day “sent-by” postmark deadline, rather than a “received-by” deadline, for mail-in ballots sent in for Pennsylvania’s June 2nd primary election. Though the case was ultimately dismissed by the PA Supreme Court, Governor Tom Wolf implemented the relief we sought by executive order in several Pennsylvania counties facing the steepest challenges. These cases helped lay the groundwork for subsequent litigation during the general election that extended the mailing deadline statewide during the General Election.

Voting mechanisms like drop boxes are also an effective means of minimizing the dangers inherent in casting a ballot during the pandemic. Used by states across the country that conduct all-mail elections, drop boxes are a secure and streamlined tool for allowing voters to safely hand-deliver their ballots. The Law Center, and partners, filed an amicus brief in support of the petitioners in an election suit filed by the Pennsylvania Democratic Party in state court, which sought to clarify state law on drop boxes and aimed to allow election officials to count mail-in ballots sent by Election Day and received by Friday, November 6, in light of massive demand for mail-in ballots. On September 17, in response to the lawsuit, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania cleared up many of the most pressing questions about voting by mail, ruling that state law allows county bureaus of elections to set up drop boxes and satellite offices to accept mail-in and absentee ballots and confirming the sent-by deadline.

In addition to the efforts discussed above, we have also combatted attempts at voter suppression in Pennsylvania. This summer, the Trump presidential campaign filed a federal lawsuit attempting to block voters in the Commonwealth from depositing their mail-in ballots in drop boxes, on the baseless grounds that drop boxes facilitate voter fraud. In so doing, the Trump campaign attempted to force Pennsylvanians to unnecessarily decide between their health and their vote. In August, joined by the ACLU, ACLU-PA, the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and WilmerHale, we intervened in the lawsuit brought by the Trump campaign, representing NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference, Common Cause PA, the League of Women Voters of PA, and three individual voters. In October, after the Trump campaign failed to uncover any credible evidence of voter fraud—and we provided evidence on the efficacy and safety of drop boxes—District Court Judge Nicolas Ranjan of the Western District of Pennsylvania ruled against their attempt to remove drop boxes, dismissing all of their claims in a detailed opinion.

We continued to participate in litigation around election procedures in the lead-up to and following the 2020 General Election, advocating for robust access to the ballot box with co-

counsel from the ACLU, ACLU-PA, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Covington & Burling LLP. For example, we filed an amicus brief opposing a lawsuit filed after Election Day by Joseph Hamm, a candidate for the State House of representatives and U.S. Representative Mike Kelly, which sought to prevent provisional ballots cast by voters who had been notified that their mail-in ballots had been rejected from being counted. This "notice and cure" process is consistent with Pennsylvania election code and guidance from the PA Department of State.

**Donald J. Trump for President et al. v. Kathy Boockvar et al.**

After the results of the Presidential election were clear, the Trump Campaign filed *Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. et al. v. Boockvar et al.*, a federal lawsuit against Pennsylvania's Secretary of State and the boards of elections in seven counties. The Campaign asked the court to order the Pennsylvania Department of State not to certify the presidential election results—invalidating the votes of 7 million people—because some counties contacted and permitted voters to fix mistakes with their mail-in ballot declarations, while others chose not to.

We intervened in the case, representing eight voters who had fixed mistakes, Black Political Empowerment Project, Common Cause Pennsylvania, League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, and NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference, joined by co-counsel from ACLU-PA, the ACLU Voting Rights Project, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Covington & Burling LLP.

In its complaint, the Trump Campaign did not even allege, let alone provide evidence for, a single ballot in Pennsylvania being fraudulently cast or counted—belying their rhetoric in the press and social media about "a stolen election." Instead, their actual case hinged on, as our petition to intervene put it, at most good-faith differences in election administration from county to county. Oral argument on motions to dismiss took place at the federal courthouse in Williamsport, PA, on November 17.

On November 21, Judge Matthew Brann of the Middle District of Pennsylvania dismissed the case. His dismissal was upheld six days later by a unanimous three-judge panel of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. "This Court has been presented with strained legal arguments without merit and speculative accusations...unsupported by evidence." Judge Brann wrote in his opinion. "In the United States of America, this cannot justify the disenfranchisement of a single voter."

## **DEVELOPING THE CASE LAW TO ADVANCE CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Defending the use of Nationwide Injunctions**

Nationwide injunctions are essential tools to enforce protections of the rights of vulnerable communities. In 2019 we filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit supporting the use of nationwide injunctions to provide effective remedies to cure serious, wide-reaching wrongs caused by government actions. We were joined in this brief by Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, Public Counsel, and represented by pro bono counsel from Ballard Spahr LLP.



Our amicus brief, filed on March 15, 2019, supported Pennsylvania and New Jersey in *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and State of New Jersey v. Donald J. Trump et al.* The case challenges rules issued by federal agencies that permit employers to exclude contraception from employee health benefits on religious grounds. On January 14, 2019, Eastern District of Pennsylvania Judge Wendy Beetlestone had issued a preliminary nationwide injunction barring the implementation of these rules. The Trump Administration challenged this injunction on appeal.

In our brief, we demonstrated that nationwide injunctions have a long history in American courts. Our brief argued that broad injunctions applying to parties not before the court were familiar to both English and American Courts around the time of American independence, citing several historical examples. The brief further argues that nationwide injunctions are essential tools to enforce protections of the rights of vulnerable communities, citing examples from the Civil Rights Era, when plaintiffs often asked courts to apply their equitable authority broadly to end unconstitutional discrimination.

On July 12, 2019, the Third Circuit affirmed the nationwide injunction issued by the Eastern District barring the implementation of the new proposed federal rules on contraception coverage, citing many of the arguments raised in our brief. On January 17, 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court granted a petition for writ of certiorari filed by the Trump administration in the case, appealing the ruling from the Third Circuit. At the U.S. Supreme Court, we filed a similar amicus brief supporting Pennsylvania, again joined by fellow affiliates of the Lawyers' Committee, in the case, now consolidated with another similar case and referred to as *Trump v. Pennsylvania*. On July 8, 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court held that employers can opt out of the mandatory birth control provisions of the Affordable Care Act on religious grounds. However, Justice Ginsburg in her dissent stated that the District Court did not abuse its discretion in issuing a nationwide injunction, acknowledging that the Administrative Procedure Act contemplates nationwide relief from invalid agency action, and that the nationwide reach of this injunction was necessary to provide complete relief to the plaintiffs. We made both of these arguments in our amicus brief. On September 18, 2020 in the Fourth Circuit, we partnered again with Lawyers' Committee affiliates from around the country and Ballard to file an amicus brief in support of rehearing en banc addressing federal courts' power to issue nationwide injunctions. The Fourth Circuit granted rehearing en banc in December 2020 and our amicus brief on the merits was filed on December 29, 2020.

## CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Our attorneys and staff gave conference presentations, led community education workshops and participated as speakers at 77 events that reached more than 5,200 people, continuing to share valuable information with the public during COVID-19 shutdowns through digital tools. Our speakers and presenters shared their expertise and perspective on a wide variety of topics, including transition services for students with disabilities, Pennsylvania's school funding system, and legal approaches to taking on gun violence. Among other groups, we presented to the Pennsylvania NAACP, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, the School District of Lancaster school board, and Congresswomen Mary Gay Scanlon's virtual environmental justice roundtable.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

In 2020 we earned 180 media hits, with topics ranging across the full breadth of our areas of focus, from voting rights to housing, including 3 op-eds written by members of our staff. Among the publications in which we were featured were the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, the *New York Times*, and ABC News.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

In 2020, 31 interns and volunteers and 109 pro bono attorneys increased our capacity and helped us serve more people. Additionally, we collaborated with peer organizations throughout the year on a wide variety of projects. In 2020 such partners included Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, Educational Law Center-PA, the ACLU, Children First, Common Cause PA, CeaseFirePA, and the Philadelphia Bar Association, among others.

## **TAKE ACTION PHILLY**

In 2017, the Law Center was a founding member of Take Action Philly (TAP), an ongoing initiative that brings lawyers and advocates together to provide education and opportunities for action as new challenges arise that threaten Philadelphians. TAP's founding members also include the Philadelphia Bar Association, the City of Philadelphia, ACLU-Pennsylvania, Community Legal Services, HIAS-PA and the Mazzone Center. The coalition works to identify ways to engage local leaders and advocates in response to federal and state policy decisions. Through this effort, TAP regularly convenes its members, other legal professionals, advocates and the general public for discussions of emerging challenges, with a focus on providing opportunities for meaningful civic action.

Take Action Philly hosted a program on August 19, 2020 titled "Making Every Voter Count: How we can ensure a free and equal election in Philadelphia." The program featured experts on elections in Philadelphia in a panel discussion, sharing actionable steps that advocates could take to help ensure a free and fair election in November. More than 100 attendees learned more about ways they could help register voters, volunteer for election protection efforts, or serve as poll workers.