

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

# Form 990

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

# 2024

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**A** For the **2024** calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization ROMERO INSTITUTE		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 95-3527131
	Doing business as		<b>E</b> Telephone number 831-459-6135
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	
	210 HIGH ST., 2ND FLOOR		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 3,844,942.
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060		
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: SARA NELSON SAME AS C ABOVE		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number	

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

**J** Website: WWW.ROMEROINSTITUTE.ORG

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other **L** Year of formation: 1980 **M** State of legal domicile: CA

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: EXPOSE SYSTEMIC INJUSTICE AND IMPLEMENT STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS FOR GLOBAL WARMING, ECONOMIC		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	6
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	20
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	1179
	<b>7 a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.	
Revenue	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	2,353,513.	1,880,941.
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0.	0.
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	-44,806.	124,999.
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,683.	-447.
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,310,390.	2,005,493.
Expenses	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	105,660.	131,610.
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,559,426.	1,666,945.
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	252,380.	
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	982,192.	1,096,079.
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,647,278.	2,894,634.	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-336,888.	-889,141.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 1,547,668.	End of Year 548,987.
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	215,489.	147,880.
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,332,179.	401,107.

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer	Date			
	SARA NELSON, VICE PRESIDENT Type or print name and title				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Preparer's name MICHAEL BRYANT	Preparer's signature MICHAEL BRYANT	Date 10/25/25	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P01568974
	Firm's name BRYMAR CPA, LLP	Firm's EIN 93-2001788	Firm's address 17 ASPEN WAY WATSONVILLE, CA 95076	Phone no. 831-288-1720	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: EXPOSE SYSTEMIC INJUSTICE AND IMPLEMENT STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS FOR GLOBAL WARMING, ECONOMIC INEQUALITY, HUMAN AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS. INTERFAITH LAW AND POLICY CENTER USING IMPACT LITIGATION, INVESTIGATION, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING, AND PUBLIC EDUCATION TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE

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

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

4 Describe the 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 \$ 841,571. including grants of \$ 56,610. ) (Revenue \$ ) THE LAKOTA PEOPLE'S LAW PROJECT CONTINUED TO ADVOCATE THROUGHOUT 2024 FOR THE RIGHTS AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE LAKOTA SIOUX PEOPLE, BUT THE MAJOR PROJECT FOR THE YEAR WAS PREPARING FOR THE FULL TRANSITION OF LPLP'S INFRASTRUCTURE TO INDEPENDENT NATIVE CONTROL/LEADERSHIP. UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF LPLP'S LONGTIME CO-DIRECTOR, CHASE IRON EYES, A SEPARATE 501C3 ORGANIZATION CALLED "SACRED DEFENSE" WAS ESTABLISHED AND THEN, AFTER MUCH PREPARATION, POSSESSION OF LPLP'S INFRASTRUCTURE WAS OFFICIALLY TRANSFERRED TO SACRED DEFENSE ON DECEMBER 1, 2024. WHILE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE TRANSITION REMAIN IN PROGRESS, THE FULL SEPARATION OF LPLP FROM THE ROMERO INSTITUTE IS EXPECTED TO BE FINALIZED BY MID-2025.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 100,751. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) LET'S GREEN CALIFORNIA - IN 2024 THE LEADERS OF OUR PROJECT CONTINUED TO WORK WITH LABOR LEADERS, ENVIRONMENTALISTS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTIVISTS TO ESTABLISH LABOR STANDARDS IN THE COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY AGENCIES IN THE BAY AREA AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA. BY JOINING WITH LABOR TO SUPPORT THESE STANDARDS, WE ENCOURAGED THE BUILDING OF TRUST AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE THREE COMMUNITIES. THE SUCCESS OF THESE EFFORTS PERSUADED A LARGE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO INCORPORATE OUR TEAM INTO THEIR PROGRAM. WE FACILITATED THAT TRANSITION, KNOWING THAT THE SUCCESS OF CLIMATE POLICIES IN CALIFORNIA DEPENDS ON LABOR BEING AT THE TABLE. OUR STRATEGIC WORK WITH LABOR IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SINCE 2016 WILL NOW BE TAKEN THROUGHOUT THE STATE. CALIFORNIA CONTINUES TO BE A STATE THAT COULD CREATE A MODEL OF

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,044,197. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) THE NEW PARADIGM INSTITUTE WAS LAUNCHED IN 2023 AFTER THREE WHISTLEBLOWERS PUBLICLY TESTIFIED TO CONGRESS THAT OUR GOVERNMENT HAS CAPTURED NONHUMAN SPACECRAFT AND NONHUMAN BODIES IN CRASH RETRIEVALS, AND THAT NAVY PILOTS ON BOTH COASTS OF OUR COUNTRY SEE NONHUMAN SPACECRAFT EVERY DAY. AFTER OPENING A D.C. OFFICE ACROSS FROM THE SENATE, AND HIRING PROFESSIONAL TEAMS, OUR INITIATIVE BEGAN TO DEVELOP POLICY AND MOBILIZE CITIZENS FOR DISCLOSURE OF THE INFORMATION HIDDEN FROM CITIZENS AND OUR ELECTED LEADERS FOR 80 YEARS. WITH THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION IN DECEMBER, 2023, "DISCLOSURE HAS BEGUN".

IN 2024 WE CONTINUED TO BUILD OUR POWERFUL WEBSITE ENGINE FOR EDUCATION, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING, AND FUNDRAISING. OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 351,508. including grants of \$ 75,000. ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 2,338,027.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 22-38. Includes questions about grants, compensation, tax-exempt bonds, excess benefit transactions, and Schedule O completion.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

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

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

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 2a through 17 regarding employee reporting, tax shelter transactions, and charitable contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year; 1b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent; 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?; 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?; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?; 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?; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?; 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.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b Describe on 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; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 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?; 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its 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.
[X] Own website [X] Another's website [X] 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
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210 HIGH ST., 2ND FLOOR, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

**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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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 the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DANIEL SHEEHAN PRESIDENT	50.00	X		X				139,050.	0.	5,961.
(2) SARA NELSON VICE PRESIDENT	50.00	X		X				139,050.	0.	5,961.
(3) KAREN K JUAREZ EMPLOYEE	40.00					X		108,786.	0.	0.
(4) JAMES GARRISON EMPLOYEE	40.00					X		107,011.	0.	0.
(5) CHASE IRON EYES BOARD MEMBER	45.00	X						87,418.	0.	0.
(6) MARKELL BROOKS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) GWENDOLYN GRACE AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(8) ERIC THIERMANN BOARD CHAIR	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	<b>1 a</b>	Federated campaigns .....	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues .....	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events .....	<b>1c</b>				
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations .....	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1e</b>				
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	<b>1f</b>	1,880,941.			
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	<b>1g</b>	\$			
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....		1,880,941.			
Program Service Revenue	<b>2 a</b>	_____	<b>Business Code</b>				
	<b>b</b>	_____					
	<b>c</b>	_____					
	<b>d</b>	_____					
	<b>e</b>	_____					
	<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue .....					
	<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....					
Other Revenue	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) .....		14,526.	14,526.		
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....					
	<b>5</b>	Royalties .....					
	<b>6 a</b>	Gross rents .....	<b>6a</b>	(i) Real			
				(ii) Personal	250.		
	<b>b</b>	Less: rental expenses ...	<b>6b</b>	0.			
	<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b>	250.			
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) .....		250.	250.		
	<b>7 a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory .....	<b>7a</b>	(i) Securities			
				(ii) Other	1,945,336.		
	<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....	<b>7b</b>	1,834,863.			
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) .....	<b>7c</b>	110,473.			
<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) .....		110,473.	110,473.			
<b>8 a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 .....	<b>8a</b>		3,501.			
<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses .....	<b>8b</b>	4,524.				
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....		-1,023.		-1,023.		
<b>9 a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....	<b>9a</b>					
<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses .....	<b>9b</b>					
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....						
<b>10 a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....	<b>10a</b>		388.			
<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold .....	<b>10b</b>	62.				
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....		326.	326.			
Miscellaneous Revenue	<b>11 a</b>	_____	<b>Business Code</b>				
	<b>b</b>	_____					
	<b>c</b>	_____					
	<b>d</b>	All other revenue .....					
	<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....					
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions .....		2,005,493.	125,575.	0.	-1,023.	

**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  X

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 ...	56,610.	56,610.		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 .....	75,000.	75,000.		
<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 .....	290,022.	232,176.	29,072.	28,774.
<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 .....	1,184,767.	948,460.	118,760.	117,547.
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits .....	67,582.	53,092.	8,524.	5,966.
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes .....	124,574.	97,864.	15,712.	10,998.
<b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):				
<b>a</b> Management .....				
<b>b</b> Legal .....	154,330.	71,576.	82,754.	
<b>c</b> Accounting .....				
<b>d</b> Lobbying .....				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees .....	6,606.		6,606.	
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion .....				
<b>13</b> Office expenses .....	4,785.	3,870.	915.	
<b>14</b> Information technology .....	151,805.	100,632.	4,038.	47,135.
<b>15</b> Royalties .....				
<b>16</b> Occupancy .....	138,822.	130,308.	4,625.	3,889.
<b>17</b> Travel .....				
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings .....	120,472.	116,551.	2,033.	1,888.
<b>20</b> Interest .....				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates .....				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization .....	39,859.	39,056.	298.	505.
<b>23</b> Insurance .....	14,087.	2,133.	11,303.	651.
<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> SERVICE CONTRACTORS	369,020.	367,254.	1,723.	43.
<b>b</b> CREDIT CARD FEES	36,622.	2,353.	516.	33,753.
<b>c</b> SUPPLIES	27,086.	13,807.	12,233.	1,046.
<b>d</b> PUBLIC EDUCATION	14,050.	14,050.		
<b>e</b> All other expenses SEE SCH O	18,535.	13,235.	5,115.	185.
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,894,634.	2,338,027.	304,227.	252,380.
<b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	228,313.	<b>1</b>	115,137.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	66,037.	<b>4</b>	33,203.
	<b>5</b> 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 .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....	3,478.	<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	23,590.	<b>9</b>	29,695.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 245,464.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 173,358.	68,194.	<b>10c</b> 72,106.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	1,107,664.	<b>11</b>	274,221.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	50,392.	<b>15</b>	24,625.
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) .....	1,547,668.	<b>16</b>	548,987.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	172,881.	<b>17</b>	130,074.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to 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 .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....	42,608.	<b>25</b>	17,806.
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	215,489.	<b>26</b>	147,880.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions .....	1,028,255.	<b>27</b>	247,537.
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions .....	303,924.	<b>28</b>	153,570.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	1,332,179.	<b>32</b>	401,107.
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	1,547,668.	<b>33</b>	548,987.	

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**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>	2,005,493.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	2,894,634.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-889,141.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	1,332,179.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	-41,931.
<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>	0.
<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>	401,107.

**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 on 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 Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? _____		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 _____		

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**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) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	2,996,339.	3,941,882.	2,030,333.	2,353,513.	1,880,941.	13,203,008.
<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 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	2,996,339.	3,941,882.	2,030,333.	2,353,513.	1,880,941.	13,203,008.
<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) .....						3,684,959.
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						9,518,049.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....	2,996,339.	3,941,882.	2,030,333.	2,353,513.	1,880,941.	13,203,008.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources .....		16,015.	24,126.	18,163.	14,526.	72,830.
<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 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						13,275,838.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	114,654.
<b>13 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 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	<b>14</b>	71.69 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	<b>15</b>	74.51 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2024.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2023.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2024.</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 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023.</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 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.); 13 Total support.

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 15%. Row 16: Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16%.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 17%. Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18%.

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked 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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 10b regarding supported organizations, including their designation, IRS status, and control.

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? a A person who directly or indirectly controls... b A family member... c A 35% controlled entity... provide detail in Part VI.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity... Row 2: Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated...

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: 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)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year... Row 2: 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... Row 3: By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies...

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions). a The organization satisfied the Activities Test. b The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. c The organization supported a governmental entity. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below. a 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? b Did the activities described on 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? Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below. a 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? b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations?

**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 Part VI):		
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 2024 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-2024	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2024
1	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024		
a	From 2019		
b	From 2020		
c	From 2021		
d	From 2022		
e	From 2023		
f	<b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e		
g	Applied to under distributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2024 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2024 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, 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 2024. 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 2025.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2020		
b	Excess from 2021		
c	Excess from 2022		
d	Excess from 2023		
e	Excess from 2024		

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**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.)

Lined area for supplemental information.

**Schedule B  
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

Name of the organization

ROMERO INSTITUTE

Employer identification number

95-3527131

Organization type (check one):

**Filers of:**

**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

**General Rule**

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

**Special Rules**

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 62,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 71,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 301,691.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 48,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 54,688.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 187,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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**Part II** **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____
	_____	\$ _____	_____

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

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

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

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

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

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

Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)  Preservation of a historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat  Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements .....	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a .....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register .....	2d

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

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located \_\_\_\_\_

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

Yes  No

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

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

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

Yes  No

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

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

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

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).
- a  Public exhibition
  - b  Scholarly research
  - c  Preservation for future generations
  - d  Loan or exchange program
  - e  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  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 in Part XIII

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

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

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment \_\_\_\_\_%
  - b Permanent endowment \_\_\_\_\_%
  - c Term endowment \_\_\_\_\_%
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |  | Yes    | No |
|--|--------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations?   | 3a(i)  |    |
| (ii) Related organizations?  | 3a(ii) |    |
| 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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		61,490.	61,071.	419.
e Other		183,974.	112,287.	71,687.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				72,106.

**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> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))		

**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> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))		

**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, line 15, col. (B))	

**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) LEASE LIABILITY - CURRENT PORTION	17,806.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	

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.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	1,963,562.
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>2a</b>	-41,931.	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines 2a through 2d	<b>2e</b>	-41,931.	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2e from line 1	<b>3</b>		2,005,493.
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines 4a and 4b	<b>4c</b>		0.
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	<b>5</b>		2,005,493.

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

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

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	2,894,634.
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines 2a through 2d	<b>2e</b>		0.
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2e from line 1	<b>3</b>		2,894,634.
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines 4a and 4b	<b>4c</b>		0.
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	<b>5</b>		2,894,634.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

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

PART X, LINE 2:

THE ORGANIZATION EVALUATES ITS UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AND WILL RECOGNIZE A LOSS CONTINGENCY WHEN IT IS PROBABLE THAT A LIABILITY HAS BEEN INCURRED AS OF THE DATE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE AMOUNT OF THE LOSS CAN BE REASONABLY ESTIMATED. THE AMOUNT RECOGNIZED IS SUBJECT TO ESTIMATE AND MANAGEMENT JUDGMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE LIKELY OUTCOME OF EACH UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION.

THE AMOUNT THAT IS ULTIMATELY SUSTAINED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION OR FOR ALL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS IN THE AGGREGATE COULD DIFFER FROM THE AMOUNT RECOGNIZED. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023 MANAGEMENT DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS.



**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
SACRED DEFENSE FUND PO BOX 27 SANTA FE, NM 87504	99-2707481	501C3	18,000.	37,679.	FMV		GENERAL SUPPORT

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

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**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

INEQUALITY, HUMAN AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS. THE ORGANIZATION USES IMPACT LITIGATION, INVESTIGATION, GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING AND PUBLIC EDUCATION TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE GOALS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

GOALS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

DURING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER OF 2024, LPLP OPERATED AS A FULLY INTEGRATED AUXILIARY, OR PROJECT, OF THE ROMERO INSTITUTE. OUR DOMINANT EFFORT IN 2024 WAS UNWINDING OUR WORK ON BEHALF OF THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE, FOR WHOM WE SPENT 3 YEARS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN RELATION TO ITS ONGOING EFFORT TO RESIST THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE. PRIOR TO 2024, AND DURING THE EARLY MONTHS OF 2024, WE MANAGED THE TRIBE'S COMMUNICATION FLOW, INCLUDING THEIR E-BLASTS, VIDEO PRODUCTION, FUNDRAISING, WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT, AND PRESS RELEASES. AT STANDING ROCK WE ALSO OPERATED OUR KINSHIP CARE HOME, WHERE 3 CHILDREN WERE HOUSED THROUGHOUT 2024, AND WE MADE STRIDES IN DEVELOPING OUR "NODAPL" ARCHIVE WHICH, WHEN EVENTUALLY LAUNCHED IN COLLABORATION WITH SITTING BULL COLLEGE AND LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO, WILL PROVIDE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF FREE MEDIA ABOUT TRIBALLY-LED OIL PIPELINE FIGHTS TO EDUCATORS, JOURNALISTS, LAWYERS, AND OTHERS ACROSS THE WORLD.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

EQUITABLE CLIMATE POLICIES THAT CAN BE REPLICATED WORLDWIDE.

KNOWING THAT MEMBERS OF LOW TO MODERATE INCOME COMMUNITIES NEED

EDUCATION ON WHY ELECTRIC CARS AND ELECTRIC KITCHENS ARE MORE ECONOMICAL AND HEALTHY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, WE ALSO CONTINUED OUR PROGRAM WITH THE MONTEREY CATHOLIC DIOCESE. WORKING WITH DIOCESAN LEADERS AND LEADERS IN LOCAL PARISHES IN PREDOMINANTLY HISPANIC COMMUNITIES, WE BROUGHT IN EXPERTS, KITCHEN EQUIPMENT, AND ELECTRIC CARS. WE PROVIDED FOOD COOKED ON ELECTRIC STOVES AND RIDES IN THE ELECTRIC CARS. WE GENERATED GATHERINGS AFTER CHURCH SERVICES AND EDUCATED PARISHIONERS ON HOW TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR PURCHASING THESE ITEMS, AND HOW IMPORTANT THE HEALTH BENEFITS WERE COMPARED TO NATURAL GAS STOVES AND GASOLINE CARS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

CAMPAIGNS AND 80 PODCASTS APPEARANCES REACHED MILLIONS OF VIEWERS, OUR GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING EFFORTS BEGAN BUILDING OUT 1000 VOLUNTEERS INTO A NATIONWIDE ORGANIZING FORCE TO PRESSURE OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO PROCEED WITH PUBLIC DISCLOSURE HEARINGS, AND WE LAUNCHED A MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN TO BUILD OUR FUNDRAISING BASE.

OUR D.C. TEAM EDUCATED CONGRESSIONAL STAFF AND MEMBERS, AND OUR LEGAL

TEAM PRODUCED THE MOST THOROUGH UFO WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION BILL EVER WRITTEN. OUR FIVE DIFFERENT CALLS TO ACTION GENERATED 73,000 LETTERS TO CONGRESS MEMBERS. WE HELD A STRATEGIC MEETING AND FORMED A COLLABORATIVE VISION FOR DISCLOSURE WITH 25 SIGNIFICANT ALLIES IN THE UFO SPACE.

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OUR GENERAL COUNSEL CONTINUED TO LEGALLY REPRESENT WHISTLEBLOWER, LUE ELIZONDO, WHOSE BOOK, IMMINENT, BECAME A NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER. OUR LEGAL TEAM BEGAN THE ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH TO CRAFT A RICO COMPLAINT AGAINST THE LEADERS OF THE LEGACY PROJECT WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTIPLE CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 80 YEARS OF SECRECY OF OUR CAPTURE AND INTERACTION WITH UFO CRAFT AND PILOTS.

WE CO-HOSTED THE FIRST UFO TEACH IN AT YALE UNIVERSITY WITH THE INVISIBLE COLLEGE AND THE YALE STUDENT UFO SOCIETY. AND, ON OCTOBER 20, 2024, WE LAUNCHED GLOBAL DISCLOSURE DAY WITH A PANEL OF EXCELLENT INVESTIGATORS, WHISTLEBLOWERS, AND LOCAL ORGANIZERS. 1000 ZOOM MEMBERS JOINED NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND IT REACHED 177,947 LIVE STREAM VIEWERS. IN NOVEMBER, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING HIGHLIGHTING LUE ELIZONDO, WE ORGANIZED A PRESS CONFERENCE AND A SUCCESSFUL OUTDOOR RALLY WITH OUR ALLY, MUFON, CALLING FOR MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS.

AFTER SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL CLASSES, WE SEPARATED NEW PARADIGM INSTITUTE FROM UBIQUITY UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO FOCUS OUR STAFF AND RESOURCES ON THE CHALLENGING TASK OF GENERATING DISCLOSURE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:  
SPECIAL MEDIA PROJECT - IS A RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATIVE PROJECT THAT IS PREPARING TO PRODUCE A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ARCHIVE, A 24-EPIISODE PODCAST SERIES, A DOCUMENTARY SERIES, AND A CABLE SERIES ABOUT THE LEGAL, INVESTIGATIVE, AND ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES OF THE CHRISTIC INSTITUTE AND THE ROMERO INSTITUTE. THE RESEARCH COVERS 50 YEARS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WORK AND REVEALS IMPORTANT HISTORICAL INFORMATION THAT IS RELEVANT TODAY TO ILLUMINATE SYSTEMIC INJUSTICE IN CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION, HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS, DRUG SMUGGLING, AND ILLEGAL WAR MAKING. THE ROMERO INSTITUTE ARCHIVAL PROJECT SEEKS TO CORRECT THE HISTORICAL RECORD AND PROVIDE CREDIBLE FACTS IN SEVERAL MEDIA FORMATS. THE GOAL IS TO SHARE TRUE FACTS THAT BEG FOR NEW LAWS AND POLICIES NEEDED TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE, GREEN, AND THRIVING FUTURE FOR THE U.S. AND THE WORLD. IN 2024 WE RECEIVED THIRTY YEARS OF ARCHIVES FROM THE ORIGINAL THERAPIST FOR UFO/ET ABDUCTION EXPERIENCERS, AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DIGITIZING THE MATERIAL. SECONDLY, PLANNING AND NEGOTIATING BEGAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PODCAST ABOUT DAN SHEEHAN'S HISTORY IN THE UFO/ET COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS.  
EXPENSES \$ 351,508. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 75,000. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2:  
THERE ARE TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT ARE RELATED.

1) SARA NELSON, VICE-PRESIDENT AND DANIEL SHEEHAN, PRESIDENT; FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:  
THE FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY MANAGEMENT AND THE EXECUTIVE TEAM AND IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS REVIEWED ANNUALLY.

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

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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL:  
PROCESS IS DONE THROUGH THE REVIEW OF THE BUDGET APPROVAL.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS:  
PROCESS IS DONE THROUGH THE REVIEW OF THE BUDGET APPROVAL.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:  
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ARE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST  
TO THE ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E, ALL OTHER FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	5,329.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	1,652.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,981.

MISCELLANEOUS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	5,866.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	185.
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,051.

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	2,040.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	766.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,806.

LOSS ON DISPOSAL OF FIXED ASSETS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	0.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	2,697.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,697.
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E, COL A	18,535.