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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2007

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service(77)

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

A For the 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2007, and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See specific instructions.	C Name of organization BALLOT INITIATIVE STRATEGY CENTER, INC	D Employer identification number 04-3411708
		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street addr) Room/suite 1825 K STREET NW 411	E Telephone number (202) 223-2373
		City, town or country State ZIP code + 4 WASHINGTON DC 20006	F Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations

H (a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No

H (b) If 'Yes,' enter number of affiliates ▶

H (c) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
(If 'No,' attach a list. See instructions.)

H (d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No

G Web site: ▶ N/A

J Organization type (check only one) ▶ 501(c) 4 (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check here if the organization is not a 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

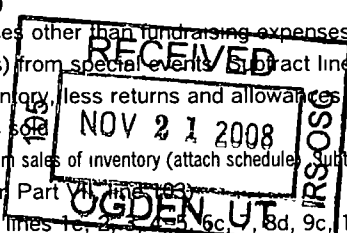
I Group Exemption Number ▶

M Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

L Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶ 940,213.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.)

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:			
a	Contributions to donor advised funds	1a		
b	Direct public support (not included on line 1a)	1b	899,387.	
c	Indirect public support (not included on line 1a)	1c		
d	Government contributions (grants) (not included on line 1a)	1d		
e	Total (add lines 1a through 1d) (cash \$ 899,387. noncash \$)	1e		899,387.
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2		8,850.
3	Membership dues and assessments	3		
4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4		
5	Dividends and interest from securities	5		
6a	Gross rents	6a	8,000.	
b	Less: rental expenses	6b		
c	Net rental income or (loss). Subtract line 6b from line 6a	6c		8,000.
7	Other investment income (describe)	7		
8a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities		(B) Other
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	8a		
c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8b		
d	Net gain or (loss). Combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B)	8c		
8d		8d		
9	Special events and activities (attach schedule) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 45,000. of contributions reported on line 1b)	9a	23,976.	
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b	16,607.	
c	Net income or (loss) from special events. Subtract line 9b from line 9a	9c		7,369.
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule). Subtract line 10b from line 10a	10c		
11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 93)	11		
12	Total revenue. Add lines 1e, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11	12		923,606.
13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13		689,225.
14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14		51,536.
15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15		50,974.
16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16		
17	Total expenses. Add lines 16 and 44, column (A)	17		791,735.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 17 from line 12	18		131,871.
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19		264,537.
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20		
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18, 19, and 20	21		396,408.



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Part II Statement of Functional Expenses All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22a Grants paid from donor advised funds (attach sch) (cash \$ _____ non-cash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22a			
22b Other grants and allocations (att sch) (cash \$ _____ non-cash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22b			
23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25a Compensation of current officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-A	25a 0.	0.	0.	0.
b Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-B	25b			
c Compensation and other distributions, not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	25c			
26 Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b, and c	26 234,549.	191,689.	13,365.	29,495.
27 Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b, and c	27			
28 Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27	28 8,555.	6,673.	770.	1,112.
29 Payroll taxes	29 18,825.	15,226.	1,155.	2,444.
30 Professional fundraising fees	30			
31 Accounting fees	31 2,313.	0.	2,313.	0.
32 Legal fees	32 3,500.	3,500.	0.	0.
33 Supplies	33 18,595.	16,494.	2,098.	3.
34 Telephone	34 17,395.	8,436.	8,876.	83.
35 Postage and shipping	35 4,987.	4,522.	251.	214.
36 Occupancy	36 33,929.	21,093.	12,836.	0.
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	37			
38 Printing and publications	38 29,648.	28,182.	635.	831.
39 Travel	39 87,150.	79,223.	0.	7,927.
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40 36,340.	34,230.	261.	1,849.
41 Interest	41			
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42 3,286.	0.	3,286.	0.
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize).				
a <u>CONSULTANTS</u>	43a 264,291.	256,068.	3,193.	5,030.
b <u>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</u>	43b 1,404.	1,404.	0.	0.
c <u>DONATIONS AND DUES</u>	43c 17,740.	17,740.	0.	0.
d <u>INSURANCE</u>	43d 1,466.	0.	1,466.	0.
e <u>LOSS ON DISPOSAL ASSETS</u>	43e 771.	0.	771.	0.
f <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	43f 260.	0.	260.	0.
g <u>See Other Expenses Stmt</u>	43g 6,731.	4,745.	0.	1,986.
44 Total functional expenses. Add lines 22a through 43g (Organizations completing columns (B) - (D), carry these totals to lines 13 - 15)	44 791,735.	689,225.	51,536.	50,974.

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No
 If 'Yes,' enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____, (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____, and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ▶ <u>PROMOTE BALLOT INITIATIVE AS ELECTORAL TOOLS</u> All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others.)
a STRATEGY: ASSISTING PARTNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCCESSFUL BALLOT MEASURE STRATEGIES THROUGH MEETINGS, TRAVEL, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, WORKSHOPS, SUMMITS, CALLS, AND WEB-BASED OUTREACH. ----- (Grants and allocations \$ 0.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	134,775.
b INITIATIVE RESEARCH: PAYING FOR & DOING IN-HOUSE RESEARCH TRACKING MOVEMENT OF PROGRESSIVE & ANTI-PROGRESSIVE BALLOT INITIATIVES; POLLING TO GAUGE VOTER RESPONSE TO HOSTS OF INITIATIVES. ----- (Grants and allocations \$ 0.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	193,425.
c COM-MEDIA: CONSULTING & DESIGNING PAID & EARNED MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIES INVOLVING NEWS OUTLETS, INTERNET, & MAIL. HELPING TARGETED VOTERS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT BALLOT MEASURES ON ELECTION DAY. ----- (Grants and allocations \$ 0.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	94,809.
d GENERAL SUPPORT: BUILDING A NETWORK OF INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES LINKED BY FORUMS & CONFERENCE, WEBSITE, BALLOT BULLETIN, CONVERGENCE CALLS, ETC. DEVELOPING NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT WIDE RANGE OF IDEOLOGICALLY PROGRESSIVE GROUPS. ----- (Grants and allocations \$ 0.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	199,491.
e Other program services (Grants and allocations \$ 0.) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	66,725.
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ▶	689,225.

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Part IV Balance Sheets (See the instructions.)

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
ASSETS	45 Cash — non-interest-bearing	264,968.	45	252,397.	
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46		
	47a Accounts receivable	47a 27,595.			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	47b	47c	27,595.	
	48a Pledges receivable	48a 115,800.			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	48b	48c	115,800.	
	49 Grants receivable		49		
	50a Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50a		
	b Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule)		50b		
	51a Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)	51a			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	51b	51c		
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52		
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		53	597.	
	54a Investments — publicly-traded securities	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	54a		
	b Investments — other securities (attach sch)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	54b		
55a Investments — land, buildings, & equipment: basis	55a				
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	55b	55c			
56 Investments — other (attach schedule)		56			
57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	57a 12,685.				
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) L-57 Stmt	57b 2,957.	3,627.	57c	9,728.	
58 Other assets, including program-related investments (describe ▶ _____)			58		
59 Total assets (must equal line 74) Add lines 45 through 58		268,595.	59	406,117.	
LIABILITIES	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		60	299.	
	61 Grants payable		61		
	62 Deferred revenue		62		
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63		
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a		
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)		64b		
	65 Other liabilities (describe ▶ <u>See Line 65 Stmt</u> _____)		4,058.	65	9,410.
	66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65		4,058.	66	9,709.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.				
	67 Unrestricted		264,537.	67	363,527.
	68 Temporarily restricted			68	32,881.
	69 Permanently restricted			69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74				
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund			71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			72	
73 Total net assets or fund balances. Add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72 (Column (A) must equal line 19 and column (B) must equal line 21)		264,537.	73	396,408.	
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73		268,595.	74	406,117.	

Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return (See the instructions.)

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		a	872,331.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12:			
	1 Net unrealized gains on investments	b1		
	2 Donated services and use of facilities	b2		
	3 Recoveries of prior year grants	b3		
	4 Other (specify): -----	b4		
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	872,331.
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line a:			
	1 Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
	2 Other (specify): <u>SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE</u>			
	<u>AUDIT RECLASSIFIED INCOME TO 2006, BUT ALREADY REPORTED ON 990 2006</u>	d2		51,275.
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	51,275.
e	Total revenue (Part I, line 12) Add lines c and d		e	923,606.

Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		a	770,911.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17:			
	1 Donated services and use of facilities	b1		
	2 Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20	b2		
	3 Losses reported on Part I, line 20	b3		
	4 Other (specify): <u>SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES</u>	b4		16,607.
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	16,607.
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	754,304.
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line a:			
	1 Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
	2 Other (specify): <u>AUDIT RECLASS EXPENSES TO 2006 NOT ON 990 2006</u>	d2		37,431.
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	37,431.
e	Total expenses (Part I, line 17) Add lines c and d		e	791,735.

Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated) (See the instructions)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
<u>MIKE LUX</u> ----- 1825 K ST NW WASHINGTON DC 20006	DIRECTOR 0.00	0.	0.	0.
<u>EARL BENDER</u> ----- 1825 K ST NW WASHINGTON DC 20006	TREASURER 0.00	0.	0.	0.
<u>JOHN JAMESON</u> ----- 1825 K ST NW WASHINGTON DC 20006	DIRECTOR 0.00	0.	0.	0.
<u>RICKY FELLER</u> ----- 1825 K ST NW WASHINGTON DC 20006	DIRECTOR 0.00	0.	0.	0.
<u>WILL ROBINSON</u> ----- 1825 K ST NW WASHINGTON DC 20006	SECRETARY 0.00	0.	0.	0.
See List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, & Key Employees Statement				

Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (continued)

		Yes	No
75a Enter the total number of officers, directors, and trustees permitted to vote on organization business at board meetings ▶ <u>16</u>			
b Are any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, related to each other through family or business relationships? If 'Yes,' attach a statement that identifies the individuals and explains the relationship(s)	75b		X
c Do any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to the organization? See the instructions for the definition of 'related organization' If 'Yes,' attach a statement that includes the information described in the instructions	75c	X	
d Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy?	75d	X	

Part V-B Former Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees That Received Compensation or Other Benefits (If any former officer, director, trustee, or key employee received compensation or other benefits (described below) during the year, list that person below and enter the amount of compensation or other benefits in the appropriate column. See the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Loans and Advances	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances

Part VI Other Information (See the instructions.)

		Yes	No
76 Did the organization make a change in its activities or methods of conducting activities? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed statement of each change	76		X
77 Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes	77		X
78a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	78a		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	78b		
79 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' attach a statement	79		X
80a Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc, to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?	80a	X	
b If 'Yes,' enter the name of the organization ▶ <u>BALLOT INITIATIVE STRATEGY CENTER FOUNDATION INC</u> and check whether it is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt.			
81a Enter direct and indirect political expenditures (See line 81 instructions)	81a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b		X

Part VI Other Information (continued)	Yes	No
82 a Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82 a X	
b If 'Yes,' you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)	82 b 5,000.	
83 a Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83 a X	
b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to <i>quid pro quo</i> contributions?	83 b X	
84 a Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84 a X	
b If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84 b X	
85 a 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85 a X	
b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	85 b	X
If 'Yes' was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.		
c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85 c N/A	
d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85 d N/A	
e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85 e N/A	
f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85 f N/A	
g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85 g N/A	
h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85 h N/A	
86 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86 a N/A	
b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86 b N/A	
87 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87 a N/A	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87 b N/A	
88 a At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If 'Yes,' complete Part IX	88 a	X
b At any time during the year, did the organization, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' complete Part XI	88 b	X
89 a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A ; section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A ; section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If 'Yes,' attach a statement explaining each transaction	89 b	X
c Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="checkbox"/> 0.		
d Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	89 e	X
f All organizations. Did the organization acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract?	89 f	X
g For supporting organizations and sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	89 g	X
90 a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> See States Filed In _____		
b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2007 (See instructions)	90 b	5
91 a The books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> BALLOT INITIATIVE STRATEGY CENTER INC Telephone number <input type="checkbox"/> (202) 223-2373 Located at <input type="checkbox"/> 1825 K STREET NW, STE 411 WASHINGTON DC ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 20006		
b 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)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/>	91 b	X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		

Part VI Other Information (Continued)

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? 91 c Yes No

If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶

92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶
 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 92

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS					8,850.
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees & contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings & temporary cash invmnts					
96 Dividends & interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from pers prop					8,000.
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					7,369.
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue: a _____					
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))					24,219.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					24,219.

Note: Line 105 plus line 1e, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See the instructions.)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)
93a	FEES COLLECTED TO DEFER PARTIAL COSTS FOR CONFERENCES

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See the instructions.) N/A

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the instructions.)

a Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
 b Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

Note: If 'Yes' to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

Part XI Information Regarding Transfers To and From Controlled Entities. Complete only if the organization is a controlling organization as defined in section 512(b)(13).

N/A

Yes	No
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106 Did the reporting organization make any transfers to a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If 'Yes,' complete the schedule below for each controlled entity

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a	-----			
b	-----			
c	-----			
Totals				

Yes	No
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107 Did the reporting organization receive any transfers from a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If 'Yes,' complete the schedule below for each controlled entity

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a	-----			
b	-----			
c	-----			
Totals				

Yes	No
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108 Did the organization have a binding written contract in effect on August 17, 2006, covering the interest, rents, royalties, and annuities described in question 107 above?

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.

Please Sign Here

Signature of officer: *Kristina Wilfore* Date: 11/17/08

Type of print name and title: Kristina Wilfore EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: *Kathleen Husta* Date: 11/14/08 Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: MCGUIRE WILLIAMS INC.
6155 FULLER CT #2
ALEXANDRIA VA 22310-2541

EIN: _____ Phone no: (703) 924-6270

Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See General Instruction X): _____

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Form 990 (2007)

• If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

• If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1)

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. You must file original and one copy

Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization BALLOT INITIATIVE STRATEGY CENTER, INC	Employer identification number 04-3411708
	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P O box, see instructions 1825 K STREET NW, #411	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions WASHINGTON DC 20006	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

- | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 | |

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in care of **KRISTINA WILFORE**
 Telephone No **(202) 223-2373** FAX No **(202) 299-9533**
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **Nov 17**, 20**08**
- 5 For calendar year **2007**, or other tax year beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____
- 6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period
- 7 State in detail why you need the extension **ANNUAL AUDIT IN PROGRESS BUT NOT COMPLETE.**

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a \$	0.
b If this application is for Form 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 and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b \$	0.
c Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instrs.	8c \$	0.

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature  Title **TAX PREPARER** Date **07/31/08**

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

► File a separate application for each return

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

Section 501(c) corporations required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension — check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICS, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for section 501(c) corporations required to file Form 990-T) However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868 For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization BALLOT INITIATIVE STRATEGY CENTER, INC	Employer identification number 04-3411708
File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite number If a P O box, see instructions 1825 K STREET NW, #411	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions WASHINGTON DC 20006	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (section 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870

- The books are in the care of ► KRISTINA WILFORE

Telephone No ► (202) 223-2373 FAX No. ► (202) 299-9533

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

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a section 501(c) corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until Aug 15, 2008, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above
The extension is for the organization's return for:

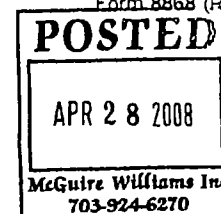
- calendar year 2007 or
- tax year beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

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

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879 EO for payment instructions

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



**Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

Identifying number

BALLOT INITIATIVE STRATEGY CENTER, INC

04-3411708

Business or activity to which this form relates

Form 990 / Form 990EZ

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount. See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	\$125,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	\$500,000.
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2006 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instrs)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2008 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14	Special allowance for qualified New York Liberty or Gulf Opportunity Zone property (other than listed property) and cellulosic biomass ethanol plant property placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2007	17	1,593.
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B – Assets Placed in Service During 2007 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only — see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property		10,157.	3.0 yrs	HY	SL	1,693.
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C – Assets Placed in Service During 2007 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations — see instructions	22	3,286.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable

Section A – Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?					Yes	No	24b If 'Yes,' is the evidence written?			Yes	No
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost			
25 Special allowance for qualified Gulf Opportunity Zone property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions)							25				
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:											
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:											
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1							28				
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1									29		

Section B – Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other 'more than 5% owner,' or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	Vehicle 1	Vehicle 2	Vehicle 3	Vehicle 4	Vehicle 5	Vehicle 6
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year						
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven						
33 Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32						
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?						
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?						
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?						

Section C – Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		Yes	No
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners			
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?			
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?			
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions)			
Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is 'Yes,' do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.			

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2007 tax year (see instructions):					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2007 tax year					43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44

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Other Expenses Stmt

Other expenses not covered above (itemize):	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
<u>DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	<u>3,237.</u>	<u>1,251.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>1,986.</u>
<u>PRESS/ADVERTISING</u>	<u>3,494.</u>	<u>3,494.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Total	<u>6,731.</u>	<u>4,745.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>1,986.</u>

Form 990, Page 5, Part V-A

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, & Key Employees Statement

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>MARY JEAN COLLINS</u> <u>1825 K ST NW</u> <u>WASHINGTON DC 20006</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u> <u>0.00</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>AMY PRITCHARD</u> <u>1825 K ST NW</u> <u>WASHINGTON DC 20006</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u> <u>0.00</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>KAREN ACKERMAN</u> <u>1825 K ST NW</u> <u>WASHINGTON DC 20006</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u> <u>0.00</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>GLORIA TOTTEN</u> <u>1825 K ST</u> <u>WASHINGTON DC 20006</u>	<u>CHAIR</u> <u>0.00</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>GAIL TUZZOLO</u> <u>1825 K ST NW</u> <u>WASHINGTON DC 20006</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u> <u>0.00</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>KAREN WHITE</u> <u>1825 K ST NW</u> <u>WASHINGTON DC 20006</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u> <u>0.00</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>LISA TURNER</u> <u>1825 K ST NW</u> <u>WASHINGTON DC 20006</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u> <u>0.00</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>JON YOUNGDAHL</u> <u>1825 K ST NW</u> <u>WASHINGTON DC 20006</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u> <u>0.00</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

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List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, & Key Employees Statement

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
JOHN OST	DIRECTOR			
1825 K ST NW				
WASHINGTON DC 20006	0.00	0.	0.	0.
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
RICK DE LA FUENTE	DIRECTOR			
1825 K ST NW				
WASHINGTON DC 20006	0.00	0.	0.	0.
Business <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
MICHAEL WILSON	DIRECTOR			
1825 K ST NW				
WASHINGTON DC 20006	0.00	0.	0.	0.

Form 990, Part VI, Page 7, Line 90a

States Filed In

District of Columbia

Form 990, Page 1, Part I, Line 9

Special Events and Activities Statement

List of Three Largest Events and Type and Number of Others	Gross Receipts	Less Contributions	Gross Revenue	Less Direct Expenses	Net Income (Loss)
BALLIES AWARDS	68,976.	45,000.	23,976.	16,607.	7,369.
Total	<u>68,976.</u>	<u>45,000.</u>	<u>23,976.</u>	<u>16,607.</u>	<u>7,369.</u>

Form 990, Page 4, Part IV, Lines 57a & 57b

Land, Buildings and Equipment Statement

	(a) Cost/Other Basis	(b) Accumulated Depreciation	(c) Book Value
EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE	12,685.	2,957.	9,728.
Total	<u>12,685.</u>	<u>2,957.</u>	<u>9,728.</u>

Form 990, Page 4, Part IV, Line 65

Other Liabilities Statement

Line 65 - Other Liabilities:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE	4,058.	9,410.
Total	<u>4,058.</u>	<u>9,410.</u>

Explanation Statement

Form/Line: Form 990, Part V-A line 75cExplanation of: Receipt of Compensation from Other CompaniesKRISTINA WILFORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS PAID \$55,000 BY THE 501c3 ORGANIZATION BALLOT INITIATIVE STRATEGY FOUNDATION IN 2007.

Supporting Statement of:

Form 990 p 3/Other Program Service Exp

Description	Amount
CIVIL RIGHTS	19,108.
INITIATIVE TRAINING	47,617.
Total	<u>66,725.</u>

Supporting Statement of:

Form 990 p 5/Part IV-A, Line d(2)

Description	Amount
SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES	16,607.
RECLASS INCOME 2006 ALREADY REPORTED 990 2006	34,668.
Total	<u>51,275.</u>

Supporting Statement of:

Form 990 p 5/Part IV-B, Line b(4)

Description	Amount
SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES	16,607.
Total	<u>16,607.</u>

Supporting Statement of:

Form 990 p 7/Line 82b, Amount

Description	Amount
1/2 COST OF DUES	5,000.
Total	<u>5,000.</u>