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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

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)

- Sponsoring organizations and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form. The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

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A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2008, and ending 06-30-2009

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization: PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC. Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: PO BOX 942. City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: MONTPELIER, VT 05601

D Employer identification number: 16-1703662. E Telephone number: (802) 223-6677. F Group Exemption Number

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

G Accounting method: Cash [] Accrual [x] Other (specify)

I Website: www.publicassets.org

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

J Organization type (check only one): [x] 501(c)(3) (insert no) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

K Check [] if the organization is not a section 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.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 238,386

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

Table with 3 main sections: Revenue (lines 1-9), Expenses (lines 10-17), and Net Assets (lines 18-21). Includes sub-rows for detailed calculations like 5a-5c, 6a-6c, 7a-7c.

Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II)

Table with 3 columns: Description, (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Rows include Cash, Land and buildings, Other assets, Total assets, Total liabilities, and Net assets or fund balances.

| Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III) | | Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others) | |
|---|---|---|---------|
| What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Inform citizens about governmental policies | | | |
| Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title | | | |
| 28 PAI informed the public about governmental policies through updated information on its website, 35 presentations, 7 press releases, 6 newsletters, 8 Op-Eds, 17 reports, and one statewide conference (Grants \$) | If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/> | 28a | 202,119 |
| 29 | | | |
| (Grants \$) | If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/> | 29a | |
| 30 | | | |
| (Grants \$) | If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/> | 30a | |
| 31 Other program services (attach schedule) | | | |
| (Grants \$) | If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/> | 31a | |
| 32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) | | 32 | 202,119 |

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)


| (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 & deferred compensation | (e) Expense account and other allowances |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| See Additional Data Table | | | | |
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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)


| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|------------|----|
| 33 | Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity | | No |
| 34 | Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes | | No |
| 35 | <i>If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T</i> | | |
| 35a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | No |
| 35b | If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? | | |
| 36 | Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N</i> | | No |
| 37a | Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <input type="checkbox"/> | 37a | |
| 37b | Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? | | No |
| 38a | Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return? | | No |
| 38b | If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved | 38b | |
| 39 | <i>501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter | | |
| 39a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 | 39a | |
| 39b | Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities | 39b | |
| 40a | <i>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <input type="checkbox"/> , section 4912 <input type="checkbox"/> , section 4955 <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 40b | <i>Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations.</i> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i> | | No |
| 40c | Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 40d | Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 40e | <i>All organizations.</i> At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | | No |
| 41 | List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 42a | The books are in care of <input type="checkbox"/> DENICE K BROWN Telephone no <input type="checkbox"/> (802) 225-8907 28 BARRE STREET SUITE 2 Located at <input type="checkbox"/> MONTPELIER, VT ZIP + 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 05602 | | |
| 42b | 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"/> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. | Yes | No |
| 42c | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> | | No |
| 43 | Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/> | 43 | |
| 44 | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? <i>If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.</i> | Yes | No |
| 45 | Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.</i> | | No |

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and


complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

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|------------|--|------------|-----------|
| 46 | Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I | Yes | No |
| 47 | Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II  | Yes | |
| 48 | Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "yes," complete Schedule E | | No |
| 49a | Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | | No |
| 49b | If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization? | | |

50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there are none, enter "None "

| (a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000 | (b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Compensation | (d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation | (e) Expense account and other allowances |
|--|--|------------------|---|--|
| NONE | | | | |
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| Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000  | | | | |

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there are none, enter "None "

| (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000 | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| NONE | | |
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| Total number of other independent contractors receiving over \$100,000  | | |


Please Sign Here

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.

***** 2010-03-03
 Signature of officer Date


PAUL CILLO, PRESIDENT
 Type or print name and title


Paid Preparer's Use Only


Preparer's signature  WALLACE W TAPIA Date

Check if self-employed

Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst X)

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4  WALLACE W TAPIA PC
 PO BOX 5777
 BURLINGTON, VT 05402

EIN 

Phone no  (802) 863-6370

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

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Internal Revenue Service

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC

Employer identification number

16-1703662

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

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

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

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

- (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
- (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
- (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.)

Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | 115,787 | 283,011 | 220,059 | 618,857 |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 4 Total. Add line 1-3 | | | 115,787 | 283,011 | 220,059 | 618,857 |
| 5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) | | | | | | 412,464 |
| 6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4 | | | | | | 206,393 |

Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | | | 115,787 | 283,011 | 220,059 | 618,857 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | 3,437 | 3,327 | 6,764 |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV) | | | | | | |
| 11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10) | | | | | | 625,621 |
| 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions) | | | | | 12 | 40,000 |
| 13 First Five Years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |

Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| 14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f)) | 14 | 32.990 % |
| 15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f | 15 | 37.230 % |

- 16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% Test - 2007.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 18 Private Foundation.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 Total Add lines 1-5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000 | | | | | | |
| c Total of lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6) | | | | | | 0 |

Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 13 Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12) | | | | | | 0 |
| 14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |

Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| 15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f)) | 15 | 0 % |
| 16 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g | 16 | |

Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| 17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f)) | 17 | 0 % |
| 18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h | 18 | |

- 19a 33 1/3% Tests - 2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% Tests - 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private Foundation** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

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| Facts and Circumstances Test |
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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

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

2008

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

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities)

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

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

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

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax)

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations complete Part III

Name of the organization PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC

Employer identification number

16-1703662

Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations. (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

Part I-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

Part I-C To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's internal funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization.

Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

| Limits on Lobbying Expenditures— (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.) | (a) Filing Organization's Totals | (b) Affiliated Group Totals |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| 1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) | | |
| b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) | | |
| c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) | | |
| d Other exempt purpose expenditures | | |
| e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) | | |
| f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns— | | |
| If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: | | |
| Not over \$500,000 | The lobbying nontaxable amount is: 20% of the amount on line 1e | |
| Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 | \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 | |
| Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 | \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 | |
| Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 | \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 | |
| Over \$17,000,000 | \$1,000,000 | |
| g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) | | |
| h Subtract line 1g from line 1a Enter -0- if line g is more than line a | | |
| i Subtract line 1f from line 1c Enter -0- if line f is more than line c | | |
| j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 1a through 1f of the instructions.)

| Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2005 | (b) 2006 | (c) 2007 | (d) 2008 | (e) Total |
| 2a Lobbying non-taxable amount | | | | | |
| b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e)) | | | | | |
| c Total lobbying expenditures | | | | | |
| d Grassroots non-taxable amount | | | | | |
| e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line d, column (e)) | | | | | |
| f Grassroots lobbying expenditures | | | | | |

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

| | (a) | | (b) |
|---|-----|----|--------|
| | Yes | No | Amount |
| 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of | | | |
| a Volunteers? | | No | |
| b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through i)? | Yes | | |
| c Media advertisements? | | No | |
| d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? | | No | |
| e Publications, or published or broadcast statements? | | No | |
| f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? | | No | |
| g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? | Yes | | 757 |
| h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means? | | No | |
| i Other activities If "Yes," describe in Part IV | | No | |
| j Total lines 1c through 1i | | | 757 |
| 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? | | No | |
| b If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 | | | |
| c If "Yes" enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 | | | |
| d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? | | | |

Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| Pt II-B Line 1i | | N/A |
| Pt II-B, Line 1b & 1g | | PAUL CILLO, (PRESIDENT) AND JOHN I HOFFMAN, III, (SENIOR POLICY ANALYST) DEVOTED A TOTAL OF 18 5 HOURS IN LOBBYING WITH RESPECT TO |
| | | tax and budget issues with Vermont State legislators during the fiscal year |
| | | |
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Form 4562

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2008

Attachment Sequence No 67

See separate instructions. Attach to your tax return.

Table with 3 columns: Name(s) shown on return, Business or activity to which this form relates, Identifying number.

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.

Table with 5 rows for Section 179 election details, including maximum amount, total cost, and dollar limitation.

Table with 13 rows for listed property details, including description, cost, and elected cost.

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)

Table with 4 rows for special depreciation allowance and other depreciation.

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)

Section A

Table with 2 rows for MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008.

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

Table with 7 columns: Classification of property, Month and year placed in service, Basis for depreciation, Recovery period, Convention, Method, Depreciation deduction.

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

Table with 3 rows for alternative depreciation system assets, including class life and recovery period.

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

Table with 3 rows for summary of depreciation, including listed property and total amounts.

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

Table with 9 columns: (a) Type of property, (b) Date placed in service, (c) Business/investment use percentage, (d) Cost or other basis, (e) Basis for depreciation, (f) Recovery period, (g) Method/Convention, (h) Depreciation/deduction, (i) Elected section 179 cost. Includes rows 25-29.

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.

Table with 6 main columns: (a) Vehicle 1, (b) Vehicle 2, (c) Vehicle 3, (d) Vehicle 4, (e) Vehicle 5, (f) Vehicle 6. Rows 30-36.

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)

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows 37-41.

Part VI Amortization

Table with 6 columns: (a) Description of costs, (b) Date amortization begins, (c) Amortizable amount, (d) Code section, (e) Amortization period or percentage, (f) Amortization for this year. Rows 42-44.

TY 2008 Other Assets Schedule

Name: PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC

EIN: 16-1703662

| Description | Beginning of Year Amount | End of Year Amount |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Security deposit | | 1,509 |
| Equipment, book value | 927 | 4,402 |

TY 2008 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC**EIN:** 16-1703662

| Description | Amount |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Conferences & meetings | 1,394 |
| Depreciation | 574 |
| Insurance | 1,143 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,379 |
| Staff development | 623 |
| Telephone | 4,743 |
| Travel | 6,721 |

TY 2008 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC

EIN: 16-1703662

| Description | Beginning of Year Amount | End of Year Amount |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Accrued expenses | 1,971 | 1,420 |

Additional Data**Software ID:****Software Version:****EIN:** 16-1703662**Name:** PUBLIC ASSETS INSTITUTE INC**Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees**

| (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 & deferred compensation | (E) Expense account and other allowances |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| PAUL CILLO PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601 | President 32 00 | 64,800 | | |
| CARLEN FINN PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601 | Treasurer 2 00 | 0 | | |
| LINDA MARKIN PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601 | Chair 2 00 | 0 | | |
| MARION MILNE PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601 | Director 1 00 | 0 | | |
| CHERYL MITCHELL PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601 | Director 1 00 | 0 | | |
| SHEILA REED PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601 | Secretary 2 00 | 0 | | |
| DAVID TUCKER PO BOX 942 MONTPELIER, VT 05601 | Vice Chair 2 00 | 0 | | |