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Form **990**  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

**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)**

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

OMB No 1545-0047  
**2011**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization Ballot Initiative Strategy Center Inc  Doing Business As  Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1825 K Street NW No 411  City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Washington, DC 20006	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 04-3411708  <b>E</b> Telephone number (202) 223-2373  <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 1,136,928
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer Justine Sarver 1825 K Street NW No 411 Washington, DC 20006		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>H(b)</b> Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)  <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( 4 ) ◀ (insert no ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ www.ballot.org		
<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		<b>L</b> Year of formation 1998 <b>M</b> State of legal domicile DC

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities To promote and support ballot initiative use  <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) . . . . . <b>3</b> 13 <b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . . <b>4</b> 13 <b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . . <b>5</b> 12 <b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . . <b>6</b> 22 <b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . . <b>7a</b> 0 <b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . . <b>7b</b> 0		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . . <b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . . <b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . . <b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) <b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<b>Prior Year</b> 1,335,100 0 1,147 49,393 1,385,640	<b>Current Year</b> 1,081,500 52,187 373 2,868 1,136,928
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) . . . . . <b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . . <b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) <b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . . <b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶8,467 <b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) . . . . . <b>18</b> Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) <b>19</b> Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .	32,968 0 332,781 0 1,190,988 1,556,737 -171,097	159,574 0 537,716 0 413,953 1,111,243 25,685
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . . <b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . . <b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	<b>Beginning of Current Year</b> 325,858 50,496 275,362	<b>End of Year</b> 339,547 38,500 301,047

**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	2012-06-28 Date
	Justine Sarver Executive Director Type or print name and title	

<b>Paid Preparer's Use Only</b>	Preparer's signature ▶ Frank H Smith	Date 2012-06-28	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions) P00639053  EIN ▶ 52-1511275  Phone no ▶ (202) 822-5000
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ Raffa PC 1899 L Street NW Suite 900 Washington, DC 20036			

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 to any question in this Part III  Yes  No

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

To promote and support ballot initiative use and to develop better approaches that advance social and economic justice

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

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

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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

**4a** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 412,385 including grants of \$ 159,574 ) (Revenue \$ )  
Partnerships & Coordination- Build ballot measure capacity and leadership in states via forums, convenings, trainings and technical assistance. Work with national partners to develop national ballot measure strategy

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 98,751 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 52,187 )  
General Support (Strategy and Conferences)- Serve as ballot measure resource to public and partners. Monitor and report ballot measure activity throughout the United States

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 60,119 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
Ballot Integrity- Advocate for changes to ballot measure process that ensure transparency and accountability

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 42,461 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
Research & Development

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 22,784 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )  
Communication & Media

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )  
(Expenses \$ 65,245 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e Total program service expenses** \$ 636,500

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i> . . . . .		No
<b>2</b>	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>3</b>	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i> . . . . .		No
<b>4</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> . . . . .		
<b>5</b>	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> . . . . .		No
<b>6</b>	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>7</b>	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>8</b>	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>9</b>	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>10</b>	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>11</b>	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>b</b>	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>c</b>	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>d</b>	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>e</b>	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>f</b>	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>b</b>	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . . . . .		No
<b>13</b>	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> . . . . .		No
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i> . . . . .		No
<b>15</b>	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>16</b>	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>17</b>	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> . . . . .		No
<b>18</b>	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> . . . . .		No
<b>19</b>	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> . . . . .		No
<b>20a</b>	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> . . . . .		No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements . . . . .		

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

<b>21</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> . . . . .	<b>21</b>	Yes	
<b>22</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> . . . . .	<b>22</b>		No
<b>23</b>	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> . . . . .	<b>23</b>		No
<b>24a</b>	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i> . . . . .	<b>24a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .	<b>24b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	<b>24c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .	<b>24d</b>		
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>25a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>25b</b>		No
<b>26</b>	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>26</b>		No
<b>27</b>	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> . . . . .	<b>27</b>		No
<b>28</b>	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
<b>a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28b</b>		No
<b>c</b>	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28c</b>		No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	<b>29</b>		No
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>30</b>		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>31</b>		No
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>32</b>		No
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>33</b>		No
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i> . . . . .	<b>34</b>		No
<b>35a</b>	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35a</b>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>35b</b>		No
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>36</b>		
<b>37</b>	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	<b>37</b>		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .	<b>38</b>	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a-14a regarding Form 1096, W-2G, Form W-3, federal employment tax returns, unrelated business gross income, prohibited tax shelter transactions, annual gross receipts, deductible contributions, sponsoring organizations, and charitable trusts.

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

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 (13); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (13); 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? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 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? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 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 in Schedule O (No).

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? (No); 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? (Yes); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (Yes); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (No); 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 (Yes); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (Yes); If "Yes," to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (No); 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 MA
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
Own website Another's website Upon request
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization
Justine Sarver
1825 K Street NW No 411
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 223-2373

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Gloria Totten Chair	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Matt McKinnon Secretary	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Ricky Feller Treasurer	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Earl Bender Treasurer (Thru 03/2011)	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Karen Ackerman Director (Thru 03/2011)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) Denice Cardinal Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) Brandon Davis Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) Patrick Green Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) Jill Hanauer Director (Thru 03/2011)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) Michael Hunter Director (Thru 03/2011)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) John Jameson Director (Thru 03/2011)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(12) John Ost Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(13) Mike Podhorzer Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(14) Steve Powell Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(15) Amy Pritchard Director (Thru 03/2011)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(16) Sarah Reece Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(17) Will Robinson Director (Thru 03/2011)	1 00	X						0	0	0



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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) Deidre Schifeling Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(19) Greg Speed Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(20) Gail Tuzzolo Director (Thru 03/2011)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(21) Karen White Director	1 00	X						0	0	0
(22) Jon Youngdahl Director (Thru 03/2011)	1 00	X						0	0	0
(23) Justine Sarver Executive Director	31 00			X				92,490	0	7,727
<b>1b Sub-Total</b>										
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								92,490	0	7,727

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

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

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

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

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	<b>1a</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>	1,081,500				
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . <b>▶</b>	1,081,500				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>			Business Code				
	<b>2a</b>	Conference regis _____	900099	52,187	52,187		
	<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 . . . . . <b>▶</b>	52,187					
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) . . . . . <b>▶</b>		373		373	
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
	<b>6a</b>	(i) Real		(ii) Personal			
		<b>b</b>	Gross rents				
		<b>b</b>	Less rental expenses				
		<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss)				
	<b>d</b>	<b>Net rental income or (loss)</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
	<b>7a</b>	(i) Securities		(ii) Other			
		<b>b</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory				
		<b>b</b>	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss)				
	<b>d</b>	<b>Net gain or (loss)</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>					
	<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . <b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>	<b>Net income or (loss) from fundraising events</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>						
<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . <b>a</b>						
<b>b</b>	Less direct expenses . . . . . <b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>	<b>Net income or (loss) from gaming activities</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>						
<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . <b>a</b>						
<b>b</b>	Less cost of goods sold . . . . . <b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>	<b>Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory</b> . . . . . <b>▶</b>						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
<b>11a</b>	Other income _____	900099	2,868		2,868		
<b>b</b>	_____						
<b>c</b>	_____						
<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . <b>▶</b>	2,868					
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . . <b>▶</b>	1,136,928	52,187	0	3,241		

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>		<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	159,574	159,574		
<b>2</b>	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b>	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States 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	100,217	5,012	95,205	
<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	360,439	102,162	252,161	6,116
<b>8</b>	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	13,904	34	13,856	14
<b>9</b>	Other employee benefits	29,808	2,632	26,605	571
<b>10</b>	Payroll taxes	33,348	8,535	24,073	740
<b>11</b>	Fees for services (non-employees)				
<b>a</b>	Management				
<b>b</b>	Legal	9,000	3,000	6,000	
<b>c</b>	Accounting	18,519		18,519	
<b>d</b>	Lobbying	31,775	31,775		
<b>e</b>	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b>	Investment management fees				
<b>g</b>	Other	93,759	93,759		
<b>12</b>	Advertising and promotion				
<b>13</b>	Office expenses	42,183	23,967	18,139	77
<b>14</b>	Information technology	6,850	5,213	1,637	
<b>15</b>	Royalties				
<b>16</b>	Occupancy	36,499	36,499		
<b>17</b>	Travel	37,718	34,847	1,987	884
<b>18</b>	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	129,142	127,978	1,099	65
<b>20</b>	Interest				
<b>21</b>	Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b>	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	5,529		5,529	
<b>23</b>	Insurance	1,466		1,466	
<b>24</b>	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O )				
<b>a</b>	Prof development	1,513	1,513		
<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>					
<b>d</b>					
<b>e</b>					
<b>f</b>	All other expenses				
<b>25</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	1,111,243	636,500	466,276	8,467
<b>26</b>	<b>Joint costs.</b> Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	-16,349	<b>1</b>	331,898
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	305,650	<b>2</b>	2,575
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	7,800	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	19,820	<b>9</b>	1,666
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	23,899		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	20,491	<b>10c</b>	3,408
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<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 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	325,858	<b>16</b>	339,547	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	35,883	<b>17</b>	38,500
	<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> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<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 . . . . .	14,613	<b>25</b>	0
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	50,496	<b>26</b>	38,500
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	275,362	<b>27</b>	301,047
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	275,362	<b>33</b>	301,047	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	325,858	<b>34</b>	339,547	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	1,136,928
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	1,111,243
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	25,685
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	275,362
<b>5</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>5</b>	0
<b>6</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>6</b>	301,047

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		No
<b>2b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		No
<b>2c</b>	If "Yes," to 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 in Schedule O		
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
<b>3b</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 in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2011

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization Ballot Initiative Strategy Center Inc

Employer identification number 04-3411708

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

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), 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?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically importantly land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a-2d: Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06.

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable 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?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year

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

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

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in 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 SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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

**3** Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a**  Public exhibition
- b**  Scholarly research
- c**  Preservation for future generations
- d**  Loan or exchange programs
- e**  Other

**4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

**5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

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

**1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

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

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Investment earnings or losses . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .					

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b** Permanent endowment ▶
- c** Term endowment ▶

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

	Yes	No
<b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations . . . . .	<b>3a(i)</b>	
<b>(ii)</b> related organizations . . . . .	<b>3a(ii)</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . .	<b>3b</b>	

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

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** 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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .				
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		23,899	20,491	3,408
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . . ▶				3,408

**Part VII Investments—Other Securities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25 )	

2. Fin 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)



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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Investment expenses	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	<b>10</b>	

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<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 XIV) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line <b>1</b>		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total Revenue Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	

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

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	
<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 XIV) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line <b>1</b> :		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIV) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule I (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States
Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
Attach to Form 990

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Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization: Ballot Initiative Strategy Center Inc

Employer identification number: 04-3411708

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?
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 Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC Code section if applicable, (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation, (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Row 1: (1) Mississippians for Healthy Families, PO Box 55662, Jackson, MS 39296, 150,000, General Support.

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

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

<b>(a)</b> Type of grant or assistance	<b>(b)</b> Number of recipients	<b>(c)</b> Amount of cash grant	<b>(d)</b> Amount of non-cash assistance	<b>(e)</b> Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	<b>(f)</b> Description of non-cash assistance

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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 to provide any additional information.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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Inspection**

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Ballot Initiative Strategy Center Inc

**Employer identification number**

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	Officers review/approve a PDF copy of the federal Form 990 before e-filing with the Internal Revenue Service
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	The Board of Directors and employees are provided with a conflict of interest policy and sign annual agreements noting any conflict. In order to address a conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Directors or, if applicable, to the Executive Committee when considering the proposed transaction or arrangement. If the Board or Executive Committee has reasonable cause to believe a Director has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the Director of the basis for such belief and afford the Director an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose. If, after hearing the Director's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Board or Committee determines the Director has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary corrective action.
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	Review of salary surveys and other compensation-related information from similar organizations. Changes to compensation are based on employee performance reviews.
	Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	The Organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public upon request.

# Additional Data

**Software ID:**  
**Software Version:**  
**EIN:** 04-3411708  
**Name:** Ballot Initiative Strategy Center Inc

## Form 990, Special Condition Description:

<b>Special Condition Description</b>
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## Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

<b>4d. Other program services</b>					
(Code	) (Expenses \$	42,461	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	)
Research & Development					
(Code	) (Expenses \$	22,784	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	)
Communication & Media					