

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form 990

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

2015

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public. Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2015, and ending, 20

Form 990 header section containing organization name (BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.), EIN (36-0802950), address (223 W. JACKSON BLVD., STE. 900 CHICAGO, IL 60606), principal officer (ANDREW SHAW), and tax-exempt status (501(c)(3)).

Part I Summary

Summary table with columns for Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances. Includes rows for mission statement, membership counts, revenue (Total: 4,376,597), expenses (Total: 2,745,952), and net assets (Total: 3,896,306).

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.

Signature block section with fields for officer signature and date, preparer name (REBEKUH ELEY), preparer signature, date (11/03/2016), firm name (BDO USA, LLP), and firm address.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) [X] Yes [ ] No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990 (2015)

# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

► **File a separate application for each return.**  
► Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8868](http://www.irs.gov/form8868).

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

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

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

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

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

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

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

<b>Type or print</b>  File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.  BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or  36-0802950
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.  223 W. JACKSON BLVD.	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.  CHICAGO, IL 60606	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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

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Telephone No. ► 312 427-8330 FAX No. ► 312 821-9038

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

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 08/15, 2016, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

►  calendar year 2015 or

►  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only file the original (no copies needed).

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

<b>Type or print</b>  File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or 36-0802950
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 223 W. JACKSON BLVD., STE. 900	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. CHICAGO, IL 60606	

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

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

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• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box . . . . .

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) . . . . . . If this is for the whole group, check this box . . . . .  . If it is for part of the group, check this box . . . . .  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until 11/15, 2016.

5 For calendar year 2015, or other tax year beginning , 20 , and ending , 20 .

6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO GATHER INFORMATION TO PREPARE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.

<b>8a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>8a</b> \$	0.
<b>b</b> If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	<b>8b</b> \$	0.
<b>c Balance Due.</b> Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>8c</b> \$	0.

**Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.**

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

Signature  Title  Date  08/02/2016

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO PROMOTE INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT BY EXPOSING WASTE, FRAUD AND CORRUPTION, PROMOTING EFFECTIVE PUBLIC POLICY, AND ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY.

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

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

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

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,201,162. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

ATTACHMENT 1

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 392,273. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

CITIZEN EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION PROGRAMS (CIVIC ENGAGEMENT) - THROUGH THE WEBSITE AND ITS COMPREHENSIVE DIGITAL STRATEGY, THE BGA PRESENTS ITS JOURNALISTIC INVESTIGATIONS, EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ON IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ISSUES AND TRAINS CITIZENS ON TECHNIQUES FOR MONITORING GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. THE WEBSITE ALSO INCLUDES THE ACTION CENTER WHICH EMPOWERS CITIZENS TO STAY UP TO DATE ON POLICY PRIORITIES AND CONNECT DIRECTLY WITH LAWMAKERS TO ACHIEVE POLICY CAMPAIGNS.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 416,519. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

POLICY ADVOCACY - THE BGA'S POLICY UNIT CONTINUES TO MAKE GREAT STRIDES IN SHAPING THE DISCUSSION, BOTH IN CHICAGO AND IN SPRINGFIELD, ABOUT WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR GOVERNMENT. THE POLICY TEAM WAS AT THE FOREFRONT OF KEY ISSUES, RELAYING THEM TO BGA FOLLOWERS ON THE THINK TANK BLOG AND IN THE MEDIA. THE POLICY UNIT FOCUSES ON STREAMLINING GOVERNMENT, KEEPING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT FROM BEING DIMINISHED, WRONGFUL CONVICTION REFORM, PUBLIC PENSION REFORM AND GREATER FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RELATED TO THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 139,926. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 2,149,880.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Rows 1-19 with various questions about organization activities and financial reporting.

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

		Yes	No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i>		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i>	X	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a.</i>		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
c	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 direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>	X	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		X
32	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>		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1.</i>		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		
36	<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>		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI.</i>		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for line numbers (1a-14b), descriptions, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions about Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, Form 990-T, Form 8886-T, Form 8282, Form 8899, Form 1098-C, Form 4966, Form 720, and Form 702.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (voting members), 1b (independent members), 2-7a (relationships and governance), 7b (reserved decisions), 8 (documentation), 8a-8b (governing body/committees), 9 (unreachable officers).

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-10b (local chapters/policies), 11a-11b (Form 990 distribution), 12a-12c (conflict of interest policy), 13 (whistleblower policy), 14 (document retention), 15 (compensation review), 15a-15b (CEO/officers), 16a-16b (joint ventures).

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed IL,
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
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 during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:

EMMETT MURPHY 223 W. JACKSON BLVD., SUITE 900 CHICAGO, IL 60606

312-427-8330



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

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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 organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) HAMILTON H. HILL DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(2) PAUL BAKER DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(3) ERIC BERLIN DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(4) CLARK BELL DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) JONATHAN C. BUNGE DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) FRAN GROSSMAN DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) CINDY DAVIS DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) LISA LEITER DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) CARROLL JOYNES DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) MARGARET DALEY DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) SAMUEL FIFER DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) NICOLE NOCERA DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) TED HAWKINS DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) CHUCK PERUCHINI DIRECTOR	1.00 0.	X					0.	0.	0.	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
( 15) SCOTT HODES ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 16) MERRI JO GILLETTE ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 17) GARY KLEINRICHERT ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 18) LUDWIG KOLMAN ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 19) HILL HAMMOCK ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 20) STEVE MILLER ----- VICE CHAIR	1.00 ----- 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
( 21) HEIDI RUDOLPH ----- VICE CHAIR	1.00 ----- 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
( 22) LISABETH WEINER ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 23) G. SCOTT SOLOMON ----- TREASURER	1.00 ----- 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
( 24) ROBERT LEVIN ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 25) KRISTOFER SWANSON ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
<b>1b Sub-total</b> . . . . .								0.	0.	0.
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> . . . . .								603,248.	0.	81,254.
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> . . . . .								603,248.	0.	81,254.

**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 **▶** 4

	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> . . . . .		X
<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> . . . . .	X	
<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> . . . . .		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
( 26) CHRISTINA MARTINI ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 27) DAVID HOFFMAN ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 28) LAWRENCE OLIVER ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 29) JACK MODZELEWSKI ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 30) JOSE PADILLA ----- SECRETARY	1.00 ----- 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
( 31) JULIET SORENSEN ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 32) MARTA CARREIRA-SLABE ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 33) DAVID KOHN ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 34) ROSEMARY MATZL ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 35) MILES RIPLEY ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 36) MARK E. RUST ----- CHAIR	1.00 ----- 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
<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> . . . . .										

**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 **▶** 4

	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> . . . . .		X
<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> . . . . .	X	
<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> . . . . .		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
( 37) DANIEL L. GOODWIN ----- VICE CHAIR	1.00 ----- 0.	X		X				0.	0.	0.
( 38) BARACK ECHOLS ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 39) THOM SERAFIN ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 40) CHRIS SEGAL ----- DIRECTOR	1.00 ----- 0.	X						0.	0.	0.
( 41) ANDREW SHAW ----- PRESIDENT/CEO	40.00 ----- 0.			X				235,000.	0.	12,722.
( 42) ROBERT REED ----- DIR. OF PROGRAMMING	40.00 ----- 0.					X		126,083.	0.	25,514.
( 43) ROBERT HERGUTH ----- EDITOR OF INVESTIGAT	40.00 ----- 0.					X		116,082.	0.	24,829.
( 44) MARY FRANCES O'CONNOR ----- DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL	40.00 ----- 0.					X		126,083.	0.	18,189.
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<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> . . . . .										

**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 **▶** 4

	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> . . . . .		X
<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> . . . . .	X	
<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> . . . . .		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

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

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

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

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
<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>	1,531,479.				
	<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>	2,964,949.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f. \$		1,002,118.				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f. <b>ATTACHMENT 2</b> . . . . .			4,496,428.			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> _____ <b>Business Code</b>						
	<b>b</b> _____						
	<b>c</b> _____						
	<b>d</b> _____						
	<b>e</b> _____						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue . . . . .						
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .			0.			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts). . . . .			100,150.			100,150.
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .			0.			
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .			0.			
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents . . . . .	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses . . . . .					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) . . . . .					
		<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .			0.		
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		1,665,642.					
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .					
		1,688,134.					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) . . . . .			-22,492.			
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .			-22,492.			-22,492.
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 1,531,479. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>a</b>		21,540.			
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>	237,165.			
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .				-215,625.			-215,625.
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>		2,926.				
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>	125.				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .			2,801.			2,801.
<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> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .			0.			
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>				
<b>11a</b> MISCELLANEOUS		900099	35.			35.	
<b>b</b> SPEAKING FEES AND AWARDS		900099	15,300.			15,300.	
<b>c</b> _____							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .			15,335.				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions. . . . .			4,376,597.			-119,831.	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

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

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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . .	0.			
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	0.			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .	0.			
4 Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	0.			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	247,721.	173,405.	24,772.	49,544.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .	0.			
7 Other salaries and wages . . . . .	1,205,569.	1,015,039.	110,691.	79,839.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0.			
9 Other employee benefits . . . . .	240,359.	160,125.	65,606.	14,628.
10 Payroll taxes . . . . .	110,909.	90,813.	10,331.	9,765.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management . . . . .	0.			
b Legal . . . . .	71,400.		64,981.	6,419.
c Accounting . . . . .	77,125.		77,125.	
d Lobbying . . . . .	0.			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	0.			
f Investment management fees . . . . .	0.			
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .	16,625.		16,625.	
12 Advertising and promotion . . . . .	138,965.	138,965.		
13 Office expenses . . . . .	75,581.	58,229.	6,580.	10,772.
14 Information technology . . . . .	58,719.	48,011.	2,826.	7,882.
15 Royalties . . . . .	0.			
16 Occupancy . . . . .	48,989.	39,461.	5,336.	4,192.
17 Travel . . . . .	0.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0.			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	5,895.	4,036.	545.	1,314.
20 Interest . . . . .	0.			
21 Payments to affiliates . . . . .	0.			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	31,298.	25,382.	2,738.	3,178.
23 Insurance . . . . .	58,419.	47,058.	6,361.	5,000.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>INVESTIGATIVE</u> . . . . .	227,222.	227,222.		
b <u>POLICY &amp; GOV'T AFFAIRS</u> . . . . .	49,703.	49,703.		
c <u>DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS</u> . . . . .	12,131.	10,924.	385.	822.
d <u>WATCHDOG TRAINING UNIT</u> . . . . .	56,347.	56,347.		
e All other expenses . . . . .	12,975.	5,160.	54.	7,761.
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	<b>2,745,952.</b>	<b>2,149,880.</b>	<b>394,956.</b>	<b>201,116.</b>
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) . . . . .	0.			

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing . . . . .	571,251.	<b>1</b>	171,668.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	136,010.	<b>2</b>	25,971.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	251,000.	<b>3</b>	338,500.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	5,400.	<b>4</b>	3,585.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	0.	<b>5</b>	0.
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	0.	<b>6</b>	0.
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .	0.	<b>7</b>	0.
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	0.	<b>8</b>	0.
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	15,382.	<b>9</b>	82,877.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b> 192,342.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b> 132,619.		
		56,747.	<b>10c</b>	59,723.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities . . . . .	1,473,581.	<b>11</b>	2,505,948.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0.	<b>12</b>	0.
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0.	<b>13</b>	0.
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .	14,000.	<b>14</b>	103,355.
<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	6,391.	<b>15</b>	730,489.	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	2,529,762.	<b>16</b>	4,022,116.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	84,410.	<b>17</b>	90,520.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .	0.	<b>18</b>	0.
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	0.	<b>19</b>	0.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .	0.	<b>20</b>	0.
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .	0.	<b>21</b>	0.
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	0.	<b>22</b>	0.
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0.	<b>23</b>	0.
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0.	<b>24</b>	0.
	<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 . . . . .	22,070.	<b>25</b>	35,290.
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	106,480.	<b>26</b>	125,810.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	2,081,533.	<b>27</b>	2,795,008.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	341,749.	<b>28</b>	1,101,298.
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	0.	<b>29</b>	0.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>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 . . . . .	2,423,282.	<b>33</b>	3,896,306.
	<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	2,529,762.	<b>34</b>	4,022,116.

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	4,376,597.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	2,745,952.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	1,630,645.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	2,423,282.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	-157,621.
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	0.
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	0.
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	0.
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0.
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	3,896,306.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990:  Cash  Accrual  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . . .  
 If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . .  
 If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a** 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? . . . . .
- 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.

	Yes	No
<b>2a</b>		X
<b>2b</b>	X	
<b>2c</b>	X	
<b>3a</b>		X
<b>3b</b>		

Form **990** (2015)



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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**2015**

**Open to Public Inspection**

<b>Name of the organization</b> BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.	<b>Employer identification number</b> 36-0802950
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(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)**.
- 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 in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .
  - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
				Yes	No		
(A)							
(B)							
(C)							
(D)							
(E)							
<b>Total</b>							

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2011, (b) 2012, (c) 2013, (d) 2014, (e) 2015, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2011, (b) 2012, (c) 2013, (d) 2014, (e) 2015, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income; 11 Total support; 12 Gross receipts from related activities; 13 First five years.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2015 (83.73%); 15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 (83.23%); 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2015; 16b 33 1/3% support test - 2014; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2015; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2014; 18 Private foundation.

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2011, (b) 2012, (c) 2013, (d) 2014, (e) 2015, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2011, (b) 2012, (c) 2013, (d) 2014, (e) 2015, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 13 Total support; 14 First five years.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2015, 2014. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Row 16: Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2015, 2014. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2015. 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.
19b 33 1/3% support tests - 2014. 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.
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions.

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
<b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
<b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
<b>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
<b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? Row 2: Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? Row 2: Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? Row 3: By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year?

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions): a, b, c. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below. 2a, 2b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below. 3a, 3b.

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

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

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Add lines 1 through 3	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>		
<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
<b>a</b> Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>		
<b>c</b> Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>		
<b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>		
<b>e Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):			
<b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Multiply line 5 by .035	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>		
<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b> Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Enter 85% of line 1	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>		
<b>6 Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).			

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 <b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013 . . . . .			
e From 2014 . . . . .			
f <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013 . . . . .			
d Excess from 2014 . . . . .			
e Excess from 2015 . . . . .			

**Part VI** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

## SCHEDULE A PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME

## SPECIAL EVENTS:

2010 AMOUNT: \$51,886

2011 AMOUNT: \$21,945

2012 AMOUNT: \$14,923

2013 AMOUNT: \$13,073

2014 AMOUNT: \$9,390

2015 AMOUNT: \$24,356

## SPEAKER FEES AND AWARDS

2014 AMOUNT: \$29,500

2015 AMOUNT: \$15,300

## MISCELLANEOUS

2010 AMOUNT: \$3,510

2011 AMOUNT: \$9,315

2012 AMOUNT: \$3,650

2013 AMOUNT: \$10,600

2014 AMOUNT: \$6,101

2015 AMOUNT: \$35



# Schedule of Contributors

**2015**

▶ **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**  
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

<b>Name of the organization</b> BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.	<b>Employer identification number</b> 36-0802950
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**Organization type** (check one):

**Filers of:**

**Section:**

- Form 990 or 990-EZ  501(c)(3) (enter number) organization
- 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
- 527 political organization
- Form 990-PF  501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
- 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
- 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

**General Rule**

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

**Special Rules**

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	_____	\$ 989,908.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	_____	\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	_____	\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	_____	\$ 200,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	_____	\$ 126,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	_____	\$ 150,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 19,682.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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**Part II** Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	24,400 SHARES GRUBHUB	\$ 989,908.	02/09/2015

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

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
_____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

**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**

**2015**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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

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

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) . . . . .														
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .														
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) . . . . .														
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .														
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) . . . . .														
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 35%; text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 65%; text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) . . . . .														
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .														
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .														
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

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

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

Table with 3 main columns: Description, (a) Yes/No, and (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation...; a Volunteers?; b Paid staff or management...; c Media advertisements?; d Mailings to members...; e Publications...; f Grants to other organizations...; g Direct contact with legislators...; h Rallies, demonstrations...; i Other activities?; j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?; 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 Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?; 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?; 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members; 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid); a Current year; b Carryover from last year; c Total; 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues; 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?; 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

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**Part IV** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

2015

Attach to Form 990.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

36-0802950

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes rows for total number at end of year, aggregate values, and yes/no questions about donor advisement.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Held at the End of the Tax Year. Includes rows for purpose of easements, total number, acreage, and monitoring expenses.

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Includes rows for reporting requirements for art and historical treasures.

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that 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 XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . . . .  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? . . . . .  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |                                           | Amount    |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| c Beginning balance . . . . .             | <b>1c</b> |
| d Additions during the year . . . . .     | <b>1d</b> |
| e Distributions during the year . . . . . | <b>1e</b> |
| f Ending balance . . . . .                | <b>1f</b> |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII . . . . .

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

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

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

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - b Permanent endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |                                                                                                      | Yes           | No |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations . . . . .                                                                | <b>3a(i)</b>  |    |
| (ii) related organizations . . . . .                                                                 | <b>3a(ii)</b> |    |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . | <b>3b</b>     |    |

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

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land . . . . .				
b Buildings . . . . .				
c Leasehold improvements . . . . .		7,994.	4,664.	3,330.
d Equipment . . . . .		95,471.	78,427.	17,044.
e Other . . . . .		88,877.	49,528.	39,349.
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) . . . . .				<b>59,723.</b>

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

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

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

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

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

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) SECURITY DEPOSIT	6,391.
(2) LONG TERM PLEDGES RECEIVABLE	724,098.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) . . . . . ▶	730,489.

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) DEFERRED RENT	35,290.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	35,290.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII



**Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)**

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS: REVENUE

SPECIAL EVENTS REVENUE \$237,290

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS: EXPENSE

SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSE \$237,290

PART X, LINE 2:

THE ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, EXCEPT FOR NET INCOME DERIVED FROM UNRELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, THE ORGANIZATION QUALIFIES FOR THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 170(B)(1)(A) AND HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS AN ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN A PRIVATE FOUNDATION UNDER IRC SECTION 509(A). THE ORGANIZATION'S INCOME TAX FILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY VARIOUS TAXING AUTHORITIES. THE ORGANIZATION'S OPEN AUDIT PERIODS ARE 2012 THROUGH THE CURRENT YEAR. IN EVALUATING THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES, MANAGEMENT BELIEVES ITS POSITION OF TAX-EXEMPT STATUS IS BASED ON CURRENT FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO UNCERTAIN POSITIONS TAKEN RELATED TO RECORDING INCOME TAXES. IN THE OPINION OF MANAGEMENT, THERE ARE NO ACTIVITIES UNRELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THEREFORE NO TAX IS TO BE RECOGNIZED. IT IS THE POLICY OF THE ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE IN MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES PENALTIES AND INTEREST ASSESSED BY INCOME TAXING AUTHORITIES. THERE ARE NO PENALTIES OR INTEREST FROM TAXING AUTHORITIES INCLUDED IN MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014.



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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		ANNUAL LUNCHEON (event type)	SPRING AWARDS (event type)	1. (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	1,411,645.	77,785.	63,589.	1,553,019.
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions . . . . .	1,406,535.	70,615.	54,329.	1,531,479.
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2), . . . . .	5,110.	7,170.	9,260.	21,540.
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .			125.	125.
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .	48,339.	11,597.	10,202.	70,138.
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	107,750.	40,289.	18,863.	166,902.
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				237,165.
	<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶				-215,625.

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

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

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? . . . . .  Yes  No  
**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**10 a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? . . . . .  Yes  No  
**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_



- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
 

a The organization's facility	<b>13a</b>	%
b An outside facility	<b>13b</b>	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Director/officer       Employee       Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

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

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

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**2015**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

36-0802950

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- |                                                                    |                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain . . . . .

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a? . . . . .

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |                                                              |                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? . . . . . **4a**  **4b**
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? . . . . . **4b**
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? . . . . . **4c**
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization? . . . . . **5a**  **5b**
- b** Any related organization? . . . . . **5b**
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization? . . . . . **6a**  **6b**
- b** Any related organization? . . . . . **6b**
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III. . . . . **7**  **8**

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III . . . . . **8**  **9**

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? . . . . . **9**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>		
<b>4a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4c</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6b</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2015

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note:** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
ANDREW SHAW							
1 PRESIDENT/CEO	(i) 235,000.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	5,550.	7,172.	247,722.	0.
ROBERT REED	(i) 126,083.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	3,450.	22,064.	151,597.	0.
2 DIR. OF PROGRAMMING	(i) 0.	(ii) 0.	(iii) 0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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16	(i)	(ii)	(iii)				

**Part III Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization

BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

36-0802950

**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art - Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art - Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .				
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities - Publicly traded . . . . .	X	3.	1,002,118.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
10 Securities - Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate - Residential . . . . .				
16 Real estate - Commercial . . . . .				
17 Real estate - Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ▶( _____ )				
26 Other ▶( _____ )				
27 Other ▶( _____ )				
28 Other ▶( _____ )				

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

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? . . . . .		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions? . . . . .		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule M (Form 990) (2015)

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

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

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BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

36-0802950

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

COST OF TOWNSHIPS. IN ADDITION THE BGA CONTINUES TO PRODUCE DAY-TO-DAY,  
HARD-HITTING INVESTIGATION.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

CITIZEN WATCHDOG TRAINING PROGRAM - THE BGA'S CITIZEN WATCHDOG TRAINING  
IS A FREE PROGRAM THAT EMPOWERS CITIZENS TO EXAMINE GOVERNMENT AND DEMAND  
THE CHANGES THEY WANT TO SEE MADE. IN A SERIES OF FREE TRAINING SESSIONS  
HELD THROUGH THE STATE, CITIZENS LEARN HOW TO KEEP AN EYE ON GOVERNMENT  
FROM VETERAN JOURNALISTS AND LEGAL PROFESSIONALS. PRO BONO SPEAKERS TEACH  
CITIZENS HOW TO UNDERSTAND GOVERNMENT AND HOW TO USE THE FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION ACT AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT. IN 2015 THE BGA TRAINED OVER 500  
PEOPLE THROUGH THIS PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, THE BGA CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS  
CITIZEN WATCHDOGS OF EDUCATION PROGRAM, A TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO  
EMPOWER PARENTS TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEIR LOCAL CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.  
FINALLY, THE BGA HELD FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CLINICS. INFORMATION ACT  
CLINICS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDENT AND CEO WILL ENSURE THAT ALL  
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE FORM  
990 BEFORE IT IS FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD HAS A STANDING COMMITTEE, THE TRUSTEESHIP

Name of the organization BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.	Employer identification number 36-0802950
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COMMITTEE, THAT KEEPS AN EVALUATION CHART ON EACH BOARD MEMBER AND OVERSEES ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT RESULT IN POSSIBLE CONFLICTS. ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT RESULT IN POSSIBLE CONFLICTS.

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

THE COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR THE PRESIDENT/CEO INCLUDED THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTING A SUB-COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH LEGAL COUNCIL AND TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE SUB-COMMITTEE DID A FULL EVALUATION OF THE PRESIDENT/CEO'S PERFORMANCE IN THE PROCESS OF RENEGOTIATING THE CONTRACT. THE SUB-COMMITTEE ALSO WORKED WITH A NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT WHO USED EXISTING STUDIES THAT COMPARED NONPROFIT SALARIES FOR PRESIDENT TYPE POSITIONS. THE CONTRACT WAS DISCUSSED AND APPROVED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE CONTRACT WAS LAST REVIEWED IN NOVEMBER 2014. SINCE THE LAST CONTRACT REVIEW, THE PRESIDENT/CEO HAS BEEN ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS.

THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE ANY OTHER COMPENSATED KEY EMPLOYEES OR TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS BYLAWS AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE AND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

ATTACHMENT 1

FORM 990, PART III - PROGRAM SERVICE, LINE 4A

INVESTIGATIVE UNIT - THE BGA'S INVESTIGATIVE UNIT LOOKS INTO ALLEGATIONS OF WASTE, FRAUD, AND CORRUPTION IN CITY, COUNTY,



Name of the organization BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.	Employer identification number 36-0802950
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 ATTACHMENT 1 (CONT'D)
 

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SUBURBAN, AND STATE GOVERNMENT. THE RESULTS OF THESE IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIONS ARE MADE PUBLIC THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL MEDIA. INVESTIGATIONS INCLUDE ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT BUDGETS, CONTRACTS AND PAYROLLS, MONITORING OF EFFICIENT ALLOCATION OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND REVIEW OF OPEN, HONEST AND FAIR LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES. THE BGA FILED NEARLY 500 INVESTIGATIONS IN 2015. IN A SIGNIFICANT STEP FOR THE ORGANIZATION, 2013 MARKED THE INITIATION OF THE RESCUING ILLINOIS PROJECT, AN ONGOING SERIES OF IN-DEPTH REPORTS ABOUT IMPROVING AND REFORMING STATE GOVERNMENT AND FOCUSING ON THE STATE'S SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS SUCH AS FAILING PUBLIC PENSIONS SYSTEMS, WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS, AND THE HIGH COST OF TOWNSHIPS. IN ADDITION THE BGA CONTINUES TO PRODUCE DAY-TO-DAY, HARD-HITTING INVESTIGATION.

Form **990-T**

**Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return  
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))**

OMB No. 1545-0687

**2015**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2015 or other tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

▶ Information about Form 990-T and its instructions is available at [www.irs.gov/form990t](http://www.irs.gov/form990t).

▶ Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

Open to Public Inspection for  
501(c)(3) Organizations Only

<p><b>A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if address changed</p> <p><b>B</b> Exempt under section</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(C)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 408(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 220(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 408A <input type="checkbox"/> 530(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 529(a)</p> <p><b>C</b> Book value of all assets at end of year</p> <p>4,022,116.</p>	<b>Print or Type</b>	<p>Name of organization ( <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name changed and see instructions.)</p> <p>BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.</p> <p>Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.</p> <p>223 W. JACKSON BLVD., STE. 900</p> <p>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code</p> <p>CHICAGO, IL 60606</p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer identification number (Employees' trust, see instructions.)</p> <p>36-0802950</p> <p><b>E</b> Unrelated business activity codes (See instructions.)</p>
<p><b>F</b> Group exemption number (See instructions.) ▶</p>		<p><b>G</b> Check organization type ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) corporation <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) trust <input type="checkbox"/> 401(a) trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other trust</p>	

**H** Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity. ▶ NONE.

**I** During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? . . . . . ▶  Yes  No  
If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation. ▶

**J** The books are in care of ▶ EMMETT MURPHY Telephone number ▶ 312-427-8330

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income	(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
<b>1a</b> Gross receipts or sales			
<b>b</b> Less returns and allowances			
<b>c</b> Balance ▶	<b>1c</b>		
<b>2</b> Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7)	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c	<b>3</b>		
<b>4a</b> Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D)	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b> Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b> Capital loss deduction for trusts	<b>4c</b>		
<b>5</b> Income (loss) from partnerships and S corporations (attach statement)	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Rent income (Schedule C)	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E)	<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b> Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organizations (Schedule F)	<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b> Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Schedule G)	<b>9</b>		
<b>10</b> Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I)	<b>10</b>		
<b>11</b> Advertising income (Schedule J)	<b>11</b>		
<b>12</b> Other income (See instructions; attach schedule)	<b>12</b>		
<b>13 Total.</b> Combine lines 3 through 12	<b>13</b>	0.	

**Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere** (See instructions for limitations on deductions.) (Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.)

<b>14</b> Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K)	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Salaries and wages	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Repairs and maintenance	<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b> Bad debts	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Interest (attach schedule)	<b>18</b>	
<b>19</b> Taxes and licenses	<b>19</b>	
<b>20</b> Charitable contributions (See instructions for limitation rules)	<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> Depreciation (attach Form 4562)	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b> Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return	<b>22a</b>	<b>22b</b>
<b>23</b> Depletion	<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b> Contributions to deferred compensation plans	<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b> Employee benefit programs	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b> Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I)	<b>26</b>	
<b>27</b> Excess readership costs (Schedule J)	<b>27</b>	
<b>28</b> Other deductions (attach schedule)	<b>28</b>	
<b>29 Total deductions.</b> Add lines 14 through 28	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b> Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 29 from line 13	<b>30</b>	
<b>31</b> Net operating loss deduction (limited to the amount on line 30)	<b>31</b>	
<b>32</b> Unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction. Subtract line 31 from line 30	<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Specific deduction (Generally \$1,000, but see line 33 instructions for exceptions)	<b>33</b>	
<b>34 Unrelated business taxable income.</b> Subtract line 33 from line 32. If line 33 is greater than line 32, enter the smaller of zero or line 32	<b>34</b>	0.

# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

► **File a separate application for each return.**  
► Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8868](http://www.irs.gov/form8868).

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

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

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

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

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

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

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

<b>Type or print</b>  File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.  BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or  36-0802950
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.  223 W. JACKSON BLVD.	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.  CHICAGO, IL 60606	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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

- The books are in the care of ► EMMETT MURPHY, 223 W. JACKSON BLVD., SUITE 900 CHICAGO, IL 60606

Telephone No. ► 312 427-8330 FAX No. ► 312 821-9038

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

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 11/15, 2016, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

►  calendar year 2015 or

►  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

Part III Tax Computation

35 Organizations Taxable as Corporations. See instructions for tax computation. Controlled group members (sections 1561 and 1563) check here... 36 Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on line 34 from: 37 Proxy tax. See instructions 38 Alternative minimum tax 39 Total. Add lines 37 and 38 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies.

Part IV Tax and Payments

40 a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116). 40 b Other credits (see instructions). 40 c General business credit. Attach Form 3800 (see instructions) 40 d Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827). 40 e Total credits. Add lines 40a through 40d 41 Subtract line 40e from line 39 42 Other taxes. Check if from: 43 Total tax. Add lines 41 and 42 44 a Payments: A 2014 overpayment credited to 2015 44 b 2015 estimated tax payments 44 c Tax deposited with Form 8868. 44 d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions) 44 e Backup withholding (see instructions) 44 f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (Attach Form 8941) 44 g Other credits and payments: 45 Total payments. Add lines 44a through 44g 46 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached 47 Tax due. If line 45 is less than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount owed 48 Overpayment. If line 45 is larger than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount overpaid 49 Enter the amount of line 48 you want: Credited to 2016 estimated tax Refunded

Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

1 At any time during the 2015 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If YES, the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If YES, enter the name of the foreign country here 2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If YES, see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file. 3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

Schedule A - Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation

1 Inventory at beginning of year 2 Purchases 3 Cost of labor 4a Additional section 263A costs (attach schedule) 4b Other costs (attach schedule) 5 Total. Add lines 1 through 4b 6 Inventory at end of year 7 Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and in Part I, line 2 8 Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer: REBEKUH ELEY, Date: 11/03/2016, Title: Preparer's signature. May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? Yes No

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name: REBEKUH ELEY, Preparer's signature, Date: 11/03/2016, Check if self-employed, PTIN: P01247672, Firm's name: BDO USA, LLP, Firm's EIN: 13-5381590, Firm's address: 1665 ELK BOULEVARD, Phone no.: 847-824-4000

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Form 990-T (2015)

Schedule C - Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)

(see instructions)

1. Description of property

Table with 1 column for description of property, rows (1) through (4).

2. Rent received or accrued

Table with 3 columns: (a) From personal property, (b) From real and personal property, and 3(a) Deductions directly connected with the income. Rows (1) through (4) and a Total row.

(c) Total income. Add totals of columns 2(a) and 2(b). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (A) . . . . .

(b) Total deductions. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B) . . . . .

Schedule E - Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

Table with 5 columns: 1. Description of debt-financed property, 2. Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property, 3. Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property (a) Straight line depreciation, (b) Other deductions, 4. Amount of average acquisition debt, 5. Average adjusted basis, 6. Column 4 divided by column 5, 7. Gross income reportable, 8. Allocable deductions. Includes a Totals row with instructions for columns 7 and 8.

Totals . . . . .

Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8 . . . . .

Schedule F - Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

Table with 6 columns: 1. Name of controlled organization, 2. Employer identification number, 3. Net unrelated income (loss), 4. Total of specified payments made, 5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income, 6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5. Includes a Totals row.

Table with 5 columns: 7. Taxable Income, 8. Net unrelated income (loss), 9. Total of specified payments made, 10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income, 11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10. Includes a Totals row with instructions for columns 10 and 11.

Totals . . . . .

Schedule G - Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

Table with 5 columns: 1. Description of income, 2. Amount of income, 3. Deductions directly connected, 4. Set-asides, 5. Total deductions and set-asides. Includes a Totals row.

Schedule I - Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Description of exploited activity, 2. Gross unrelated business income, 3. Expenses directly connected, 4. Net income (loss), 5. Gross income from activity, 6. Expenses attributable, 7. Excess exempt expenses. Includes a Totals row.

Schedule J - Advertising Income (see instructions)

Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis

Table with 7 columns: 1. Name of periodical, 2. Gross advertising income, 3. Direct advertising costs, 4. Advertising gain or (loss), 5. Circulation income, 6. Readership costs, 7. Excess readership costs. Includes a Totals row.

Part II Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis.)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Name of periodical, 2. Gross advertising income, 3. Direct advertising costs, 4. Advertising gain or (loss), 5. Circulation income, 6. Readership costs, 7. Excess readership costs. Includes a Totals row.

Schedule K - Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

Table with 4 columns: 1. Name, 2. Title, 3. Percent of time devoted to business, 4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business. Includes a Total row.