

Form 990

** AMENDED RETURN **

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: Address change Name change Initial return Final return/terminated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended return Application pending	C Name of organization BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.		D Employer identification number 36-0802950	
	Doing business as CHICAGO, IL 60606		E Telephone number 312-427-8330	
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 223 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD		Room/suite 300	G Gross receipts \$ 4,212,523.
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	F Name and address of principal officer: DAVID GREISING SAME AS C ABOVE		H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527		If "No," attach a list. See instructions	
	J Website: ► WWW.BETTERGOV.ORG		H(c) Group exemption number ►	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation Trust Association Other ►			L Year of formation: 1923 M State of legal domicile: IL	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE ORGANIZATION WORKS TO FIGHT WASTE, CORRUPTION AND INEFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT IN ILLINOIS.
	2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.
Revenue	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 25
Expenses	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 25
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a) 5 23
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 25
	7 a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a 0.
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11 7b 0.
	Prior Year Current Year
	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 2,392,904. 2,946,728.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 0. 0.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 32,764. 42,989.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) -185,547. -148,022.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 2,240,121. 2,841,695.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 0. 0.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0. 0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 2,209,904. 2,011,851.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 0. 0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 383,351.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 774,451. 759,948.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 2,984,355. 2,771,799.
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 -744,234. 69,896.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 3,316,642. 4,071,643.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 59,619. 604,888.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 3,257,023. 3,466,755.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer DAVID GREISING, PRESIDENT & CEO	Date <i>11/14/23</i>			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name ARIANA N. JORDAN	Preparer's signature <i>Ariana</i>	Date 10/27/23	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P01441395
	Firm's name ► MARCUM LLP		Firm's EIN ►	11-1986323	
	Firm's address ► 9 PARKWAY NORTH, SUITE 200 DEERFIELD, IL 60015		Phone no.	(847) 282-6300	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III X1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. (THE "ORGANIZATION") WORKS TO FIGHT WASTE, CORRUPTION AND INEFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT IN ILLINOIS BY USING INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TECHNIQUES, LITIGATION, AND PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES TO EXPOSE PROBLEMS, INFORM CITIZENS ABOUT THE

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 \$ 1,361,196. including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

INVESTIGATIVE - THE BGA'S TEAM OF AWARD-WINNING JOURNALISTS EXAMINES THE USE AND MISUSE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS IN CHICAGO, THE SUBURBS AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. IT EXPOSES MISCONDUCT, HYPOCRISY AND WASTE WHILE ALSO BREAKING DOWN COMPLEX ISSUES THROUGH IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE STORIES, DETAILED EXPLANATORY PIECES AND POLITIFACT FACT-CHECKS. IT WORKS INDEPENDENTLY OF THE BGA'S ADVOCACY EFFORTS.

4b (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ 397,838. including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

POLICIES ADVOCATE - THE BGA'S POLICY TEAM ADVOCATES FOR A MORE TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY REFORMS. WE WORK TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN ILLINOIS' FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND TO PROPOSE POLICY SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT CORRUPTION, INEFFICIENCY AND WASTE IN GOVERNMENT. THE POLICY TEAM ADVOCATES FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT ACROSS ILLINOIS BY CRAFTING LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE TRACK TRENDS AND RESEARCH BEST PRACTICES IN GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLISH ANALYSES AND PERSPECTIVES ON OUR WEBSITE AND WITH MEDIA PARTNERS.

4c (Code: _____) (Expenses \$ 297,240. including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT - THE BGA'S POLICY TEAM ADVOCATES FOR A MORE TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY REFORMS. WE WORK TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN ILLINOIS' FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND TO PROPOSE POLICY SOLUTIONS TO PREVENT CORRUPTION, INEFFICIENCY AND WASTE IN GOVERNMENT. THE POLICY TEAM ADVOCATES FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT ACROSS ILLINOIS BY CRAFTING LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WE TRACK TRENDS AND RESEARCH BEST PRACTICES IN GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLISH ANALYSES AND PERSPECTIVES ON OUR WEBSITE AND WITH MEDIA PARTNERS.

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

(Expenses \$ 101,764. including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e Total program service expenses ► 2,158,038.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3 X	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4 X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5 X	
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6 X	
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7 X	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8 X	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9 X	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10 X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 	11a X	
11b X	11c X	
11d X	11e X	
11f X	12a X	
12a X	12b X	
13 X	14a X	
14a X	14b X	
14b X	15 X	
15 X	16 X	
16 X	17 X	
17 X	18 X	
18 X	19 X	
19 X	20a X	
20a X	20b	
20b	21 X	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a	X
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	X
25b	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	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):		
28a	a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	X
28b	b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	X
28c	c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X
35b	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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	12
1b	b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
1c	c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	

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

		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	23
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?		X
3a	Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)		X
3b	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		
4a	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O		
4b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
5a	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		X
5b	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5c	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		
6a	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6b	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		
6c	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		X
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?		
	Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	15	X
	If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.		
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?	16	X
	If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.		

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	25
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	25
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:	8a	X
a	The governing body?	8b	X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	9	X
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O		

Section B. Policies

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **IL**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)

19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records ►

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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.

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(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			
(1) DAVID GREISING PRESIDENT/CEO	40.00		X				270,000.	0.	6,750.
(2) JOHN CHASE EDITOR	40.00				X		121,164.	0.	18,138.
(3) DAVID KIDWELL SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER	40.00				X		118,794.	0.	18,108.
(4) MARIA DILLON DIRECTOR OF POLICY	40.00				X		124,640.	0.	3,000.
(5) SALLY GONZALEZ VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS	40.00			X			31,507.	0.	1,479.
(6) PAULETTE DODSON CHAIR	1.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(7) STEVE N. MILLER VICE CHAIR	1.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(8) ROBERT LEVIN TREASURER	1.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(9) HEIDI RUDOLPH SECRETARY	1.00	X	X				0.	0.	0.
(10) MARTA CARREIRA-SLABE DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(11) RYAN CUDNEY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(12) BARACK ECHOLS DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(13) TIM FRANKLIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(14) HILL HAMMOCK DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(15) D. CAROLL JOYNES DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(16) DAVID KOHN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(17) CHRIS LYNCH DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.

Part VII

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(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			
(18) GEETA MALHOTRA DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(19) JACK MODZELEWSKI DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(20) RYAN MURPHY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(21) JESSICA NOLAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(22) CHRIS ROONEY DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(23) MARK E. RUST DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(24) BRIAN SHER DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(25) G. SCOTT SOLOMON DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
(26) JOHN SVOBODA DIRECTOR	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.
1b Subtotal							666,105.	0.	47,475.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							666,105.	0.	47,475.

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
3		X
4	X	
5		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
NONE		

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

SEE PART VII, SECTION A CONTINUATION SHEETS

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Part VII

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

Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c

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
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a			
	b Membership dues	1b			
	c Fundraising events	1c	602,133.		
	d Related organizations	1d			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2,344,595.		
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 328,718.		
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		► 2,946,728.		
Program Service Revenue	2 a	Business Code			
	b				
	c				
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		►		
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		► 24,920.		24,920.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		►		
	5 Royalties		►		
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
		6a			
	b Less: rental expenses				
	c Rental income or (loss)	6b			
	d Net rental income or (loss)	6c			
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
		7a	1237875.		
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
	c Gain or (loss)	7b	1219806.		
	d Net gain or (loss)	7c	18,069.		
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 602,133. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	3,000.		
	b Less: direct expenses	8b	151,022.		
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		► -148,022.		-148,022.
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a			
	b Less: direct expenses	9b			
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		►		
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a			
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b			
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		►		
Miscellaneous Revenue	11 a	Business Code			
	b				
	c				
	d All other revenue				
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		►		
	12 Total revenue. See instructions		► 2,841,695.	0.	0. -105,033.

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	308,256.	209,478.	43,428.	55,350.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,413,928.	1,097,969.	96,009.	219,950.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	34,274.	29,566.	4,285.	423.
9 Other employee benefits	147,697.	128,311.	17,858.	1,528.
10 Payroll taxes	107,696.	81,785.	8,712.	17,199.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management	43,320.	36,779.	3,422.	3,119.
b Legal	83,880.	58,224.	20,718.	4,938.
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	9,817.		9,817.	
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion	75,629.	75,878.		-249.
13 Office expenses	21,365.	17,277.	1,501.	2,587.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	149,582.	126,995.	11,817.	10,770.
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5,353.	3,838.	270.	1,245.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	38,064.	32,316.	3,007.	2,741.
23 Insurance	66,321.	56,306.	5,240.	4,775.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a INVESTIGATIVE	95,386.	95,386.		
b POLICY & GOV. AFFAIRS	47,841.	47,841.		
c				
d				
e All other expenses	123,390.	60,089.	4,326.	58,975.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,771,799.	2,158,038.	230,410.	383,351.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ► if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	664,565.	1	418,730.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	343,000.	3	875,000.
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	44,870.	9	19,086.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	266,920.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 216,701.	45,825.	10c 50,219.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	1,810,890.	11	2,312,616.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	384,683.	12	393,269.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets	22,809.	14	2,723.
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	3,316,642.	16	4,071,643.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	46,494.	17	80,218.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	413,400.
	25 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	13,125.	25	111,270.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	59,619.	26	604,888.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	2,516,731.	27	2,270,294.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	740,292.	28	1,196,461.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	3,257,023.	32	3,466,755.
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,316,642.	33	4,071,643.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1 Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,841,695.
2 Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,771,799.
3 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	69,896.
4 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	3,257,023.
5 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	139,836.
6 Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7 Investment expenses	7	
8 Prior period adjustments	8	
9 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0.
10 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	3,466,755.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a	X
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	X
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
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?	2c	X
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on 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?	3a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b	

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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.

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Employer identification number

36-0802950

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 12, 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 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.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 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 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - 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 1-10 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		
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3641509.	3176237.	3067081.	2392904.	2949728.	15227459.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	3641509.	3176237.	3067081.	2392904.	2949728.	15227459.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						15227459.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	3641509.	3176237.	3067081.	2392904.	2949728.	15227459.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	38,579.	38,751.	38,831.	21,285.	24,920.	162,366.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on		6,625.				6,625.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	19,718.	20,250.		10,100.		50,068.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						15446518.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						► <input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	98.58	%
15 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	92.16	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			► <input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			► <input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			► <input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions			► <input type="checkbox"/>

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

►

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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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 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3a		
3b		
3c		
4a		
4b		
4c		
5a		
5b		
5c		
6		
7		
8		
9a		
9b		
9c		
10a		
10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	
b A family member of a person described in line 11a above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c	

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.	1	
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? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.	2	

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
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)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).	1	

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
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?	1	
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? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).	2	
3 By reason of the relationship described in line 2, above, 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? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.	3	

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		Yes	No
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.	2a		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
b Did the activities described in line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.	2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.	3a		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No" provide details in Part VI.			
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.	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 (*explain in Part VI*). See instructions.

All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3.	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8		
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):			
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3		
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6 Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6		
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1		
2 Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2		
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3		
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4		
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6		
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).			

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5
6	Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required - <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020			
a From 2015			
b From 2016			
c From 2017			
d From 2018			
e From 2019			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2020. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2021. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2016			
b Excess from 2017			
c Excess from 2018			
d Excess from 2019			
e Excess from 2020			

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

- Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
- Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2020

Name of the organization

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BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**36-0802950**

Organization type (check one):

Filers of: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 organizationForm 990-PF 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck 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 (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ► \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 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 doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2		\$ 200,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3		\$ 117,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4		\$ 402,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5		\$ 300,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6		\$ 125,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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36-0802950**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		\$ 250,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8		\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9		\$ 110,579.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10		\$ 104,710.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11		\$ 96,358.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" 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
9	1,081 DATADOG ("DDOG") STOCK	\$ 110,579.	12/30/20
10	16,400 SHARES OF AMERICAN IN REIT ("RPAI")	\$ 104,710.	07/31/20
11	482 SHARES OF BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	\$ 96,358.	10/29/20
	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	(b) Description of noncash property given	\$	
	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
	(b) Description of noncash property given	\$	

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Part III

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

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

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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

► Attach to Form 990.

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

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

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ _____	
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.	

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

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.	► \$ _____
b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:	
(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$ _____
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$ _____
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:	
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$ _____

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

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

a Public exhibition
 b Scholarly research
 c Preservation for future generations

d Loan or exchange program
 e Other _____

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

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

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

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

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

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					
1b Contributions					
1c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
1d Grants or scholarships					
1e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
1f Administrative expenses					
1g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► _____ %
 b Permanent endowment ► _____ %
 c Term endowment ► _____ %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

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

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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.

	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
1b Buildings				
1c Leasehold improvements		6,314.	2,434.	3,880.
1d Equipment		260,606.	214,267.	46,339.
1e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ►				50,219.

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) SECURITY DEPOSIT	6,391.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(B) LONG TERM PLEDGES		
(C) RECEIVABLE	386,878.	END-OF-YEAR MARKET VALUE
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►	393,269.	

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)		
Total. (Col. (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)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ►	

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	14,912.
(3) OTHER PAYABLES	96,358.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►	111,270.

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

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

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

1 Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	3,204,498.
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	139,836.
b Donated services and use of facilities	2b	81,762.
c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	151,022.
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	372,620.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,831,878.
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	9,817.
b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	9,817.
5 Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	2,841,695.

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

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

1 Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	2,994,766.
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a Donated services and use of facilities	2a	81,762.
b Prior year adjustments	2b	
c Other losses	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	151,022.
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	232,784.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,761,982.
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	9,817.
b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	9,817.
5 Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	2,771,799.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

PART X, LINE 2:

THE ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. IN ADDITION, THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE NOT TO BE A "PRIVATE FOUNDATION" WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 509(A) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THEREFORE, THE ORGANIZATION HAS MADE NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES IN THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

THE ORGANIZATION EVALUATES ALL SIGNIFICANT TAX POSITIONS AS REQUIRED BY GAAP. THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT IT HAS TAKEN ANY TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE RECORDING OF ANY ADDITIONAL TAX LIABILITY NOR DOES IT BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE ANY UNREALIZED TAX BENEFITS THAT WOULD

Part XIII **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

EITHER INCREASE OR DECREASE WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS. IF THE ORGANIZATION WERE TO INCUR AN INCOME TAX LIABILITY IN THE FUTURE, THE INTEREST ON ANY TAX LIABILITY WOULD BE REPORTED AS INTEREST EXPENSE AND PENALTIES ON ANY INCOME TAX LIABILITY WOULD BE REPORTED AS INCOME TAX EXPENSE. THE ORGANIZATION'S INCOME TAX RETURNS ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE APPROPRIATE TAXING JURISDICTIONS. THE ORGANIZATION'S INCOME TAX RETURNS GENERALLY REMAIN OPEN FOR EXAMINATION FOR THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE FILED WITH EACH TAXING JURISDICTION AND THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO EXAMINATIONS PENDING OR IN PROGRESS.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

FUNDRAISING EVENT EXPENSES 151,022.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

FUNDRAISING EVENT EXPENSES 151,022.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Part I Fundraising

BETTER GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a** Mail solicitations
- b** Internet and email solicitations
- c** Phone solicitations
- d** In-person solicitations
- e** Solicitation of non-government grants
- f** Solicitation of government grants
- g** Special fundraising events

2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

Total ►

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2020

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 ANNUAL EVENT (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events NONE	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	605,133.		605,133.
	2 Less: Contributions	602,133.		602,133.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	3,000.		3,000.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes			
	5 Noncash prizes			
	6 Rent/facility costs			
	7 Food and beverages			
	8 Entertainment			
	9 Other direct expenses	151,022.		151,022.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)		►	151,022.
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)		►	-148,022.

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	1 Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes			
	3 Noncash prizes			
	4 Rent/facility costs			
	5 Other direct expenses			
	6 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
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)		►	
	8 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: _____

10a 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	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%

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

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

15a 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 explanations 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.

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

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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.

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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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 (such as 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 on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the 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 type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input 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?

b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?

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?

b Any related organization?

If "Yes" on 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?

b Any related organization?

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 nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

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

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

Yes **No**

1b

2

4a **X**

4b **X**

4c **X**

5a **X**

5b **X**

6a **X**

6b **X**

7 **X**

8 **X**

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2020

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 aren't 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.

Part III Supplemental Information

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)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

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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	328,718.	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 V, Donee Acknowledgement

29

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 isn't required to be used for
exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash
contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked,
describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a	X	

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2020

Part II

Supplemental Information. 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.

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN (B):

THE BGA REPORTS THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS.

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

OPERATIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENT AND LAY THE GROUND WORK FOR SUBSTANTIVE
LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS.

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 2017 THE BGA
TRAINED OVER 605 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.

EXPENSES \$ 101,764. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

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

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS 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:

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THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD HAS A STANDING COMMITTEE, THE TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE, THAT KEEPS AN EVALUATION CHART ON EACH BOARD MEMBER AND OVERSEES 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - CHANGES MADE TO THE ORIGINALLY FILED TAX RETURN PART 1, LINE 1

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: THE ORGANIZATION WORKS TO FIGHT WASTE, CORRUPTION,

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AND INEFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT IN ILLINOIS BY USING INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM TECHNIQUES, LITIGATION, AND PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES TO EXPOSE PROBLEMS, INFORM CITIZENS ABOUT THE OPERATIONS OF THEIR GOVERNMENT AND LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR SUBSTANTIVE LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS.

AS AMENDED: THE ORGANIZATION WORKS TO FIGHT WASTE, CORRUPTION, AND INEFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT IN ILLINOIS.

PART 1, LINE 3

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 24

AS AMENDED: 25

PART 1, LINE 4

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 24

AS AMENDED: 25

PART 1, LINE 5

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 22

AS AMENDED: 23

PART 1, LINE 6

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 40

AS AMENDED: 25

PART 1, LINE 11

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: -196,862

AS AMENDED: -104,336

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PART 1, LINE 12PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,792,885AS AMENDED: 2,885,381PART 1, LINE 17PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 711,108AS AMENDED: 759,948PART 1, LINE 18PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,722,959AS AMENDED: 2,771,799PART 1, LINE 19PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 69,896AS AMENDED: 113,582PART 3, LINE 4A EXPENSESPREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 1,362,546AS AMENDED: 1,361,196PART 3, LINE 4E EXPENSESPREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,159,388AS AMENDED: 2,158,038PART 4, LINE 12APREVIOUSLY REPORTED: NOAS AMENDED: YES

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PART 4, LINE 23PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: NOAS AMENDED: YESPART 5, LINE 2APREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 22AS AMENDED: 23PART 6, SECTION A, LINE 1APREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 24AS AMENDED: 25PART 6, SECTION A, LINE 1BPREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 24AS AMENDED: 25PART 6, SECTION B, LINE 11APREVIOUSLY REPORTED: YESAS AMENDED: NOPART 6, LINE 20PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: EMMETT MURPHY - 312-427-8330AS AMENDED: SALLY GONZALEZ - 312-821-9029PART 7, SECTION A, LINE 1APREVIOUSLY REPORTED: TWO EMPLOYEES:DAVID GREISING, PRESIDENT/CEO - NO COMPENSATION,SALLY GONZALEZ, VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS - NO COMPENSATION.

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AS AMENDED: FIVE EMPLOYEES:DAVID GREISING, PRESIDENT & CEO - (D) 270,000, (F) 6,750MARIA DILLON, DIRECTOR OF POLICY - (D) 124,640, (F) 3,000JOHN CHASE, EDITOR - (D) 121,164, (F) 18,138DAVID KIDWELL, SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER - (D) 118,794, (F) 18,108SALLY GONZALEZ, VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS - (D) 31,507, (F) 1,479PART 7, SECTION A, LINE 1APREVIOUSLY REPORTED: TWENTY-FOUR BOARD MEMBERS.AS AMENDED: TWENTY-FIVE BOARD MEMBERS, ALL WITH ONE AVERAGE HOUR PER WEEK.PART 7, LINE 4:PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: NOAS AMENDED: YESPART 8, LINE 1C:PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 623,663AS AMENDED: 602,133PART 8, LINE 1F:PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,323,065AS AMENDED: 2,344,595PART 8, LINE 8A:PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 623,663AS AMENDED: 602,133

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PART 8, LINE 8B:PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 199,862AS AMENDED: 107,336PART 8, LINE 8C:PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: -196,862AS AMENDED: -104,336PART 8, LINE 12 (A):PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,792,885AS AMENDED: 2,885,381PART 8, LINE 12 (D):PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: -153,873AS AMENDED: -61,347PART 9, LINE 5PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 0AS AMENDED: 308,256PART 9, LINE 7PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 1,715,434AS AMENDED: 1,413,928PART 9, LINE 8PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 41,024AS AMENDED: 34,274

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PART 9, LINE 24EPREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 74,550AS AMENDED: 123,390PART 9, LINE 25PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,722,959AS AMENDED: 2,771,799PART 11 LINE 1PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,792,855AS AMENDED: 2,885,381PART 11 LINE 2PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,722,959AS AMENDED: 2,771,799PART 11 LINE 3PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 69,896AS AMENDED: 113,582PART 11 LINE 10PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 3,466,755AS AMENDED: 3,510,441SCHEDULE D, PART 11, LINE 2DPREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 199,892AS AMENDED: 151,022

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SCHEDULE D, PART 11, LINE 2EPREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 421,460AS AMENDED: 372,620SCHEDULE D, PART 11, LINE 3PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,783,038AS AMENDED: 2,831,878SCHEDULE D, PART 11, LINE 5PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,792,855AS AMENDED: 2,841,695SCHEDULE D, PART 12, LINE 2DPREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 199,892AS AMENDED: 151,022SCHEDULE D, PART 12, LINE 2EPREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 281,624AS AMENDED: 232,784SCHEDULE D, PART 12, LINE 3PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,713,142AS AMENDED: 2,761,982SCHEDULE D, PART 12, LINE 5PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 2,722,959AS AMENDED: 2,771,799

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SCHEDULE G, PART 2, LINE 1 (B)PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 21,530AS AMENDED: 0SCHEDULE G, PART 2, LINE 2 (B)PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 21,530AS AMENDED: 0SCHEDULE G, PART 2, LINE 9 (A)PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 151,022AS AMENDED: 107,336SCHEDULE G, PART 2, LINE 9 (B)PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: 48,840AS AMENDED: 0SCHEDULE JPREVIOUSLY REPORTED: PRINTEDAS AMENDED: OMITTED, NOT REQUIRED