

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

2025

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the **2025** calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization FREE PRESS ACTION FUND		D Employer identification number 04-3771598
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 202-265-1490
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 890,009.
	1025 CONNECTICUT AVE NW		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20036		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If "No," attach a list. See instructions
F Name and address of principal officer: KIMBERLY LONGEY SAME AS C ABOVE		H(c) Group exemption number	
I Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(4) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: WWW.FREEPRESSACTION.ORG			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other			L Year of formation: 2003
			M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	6	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	5	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2025 (Part V, line 2a)	5	43	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	147006	
	7a 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.		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year	
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	449,566.	866,300.	
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0.	0.	
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	21,054.	23,709.	
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	470,620.	890,009.	
	Expenses	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)		518,118.	491,859.	
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0.	0.	
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		78,509.		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		248,452.	169,550.	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		766,570.	661,409.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-295,950.	228,600.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,154,697.	1,366,602.	
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	212,920.	196,225.	
		941,777.	1,170,377.	

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			Date	MAY 6 2026
	Type or print name and title	KIMBERLY LONGEY, CFO/COO			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	ELIZABETH SALEEBY	ELIZABETH SALEEBY	05/06/26	<input type="checkbox"/>	P01324914
Preparer Use Only	Firm's name	CALIBRE CPA GROUP, PLLC			Firm's EIN
	Firm's address	7501 WISCONSIN AVENUE, SUITE 1200 WEST BETHESDA, MD 20814			47-0900880
					Phone no. 202-331-9880

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

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 \$ 160,314. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

FUTURE OF THE INTERNET AND MEDIA: CONTINUED WORK ON AVAILABILITY, ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY OF BROADBAND INTERNET NATIONWIDE. CONTINUED TO WORK IN CONGRESS AND AT THE FCC TO CREATE A PERMANENT LOW-INCOME BROADBAND SUBSIDY TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE CAN ACCESS HIGH-SPEED INTERNET. PROMOTED THE IDEA THAT DIGITAL INCLUSION IS A PUBLIC GOOD. PROVIDED TRAINING TO PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO ADVOCATE FOR THEIR WORK IN DIGITAL EQUITY AND THEN SUPPORTED THEIR EFFORTS TO LOBBY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO DEMAND THAT THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT RELEASE THE \$2.75 BILLION IN FUNDING THEIR STATES HAD BEEN PROMISED THROUGH THE BIPARTISAN DIGITAL EQUITY ACT, A COMPONENT OF THE 2021 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 175,841. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

DEMOCRACY AND DIGITAL CIVIL RIGHTS: CONTINUED HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES IN THE PERPETUATION OF HOAXES, DISINFORMATION, AND HATE SPEECH AND THE IMPACT TO SOCIETY AND ESPECIALLY TO MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR. CONTINUED TO ASSERT THAT LAWMAKERS SHOULD PASS A COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL PRIVACY LAW THAT LIMITS HOW TECH COMPANIES COLLECT, STORE, ANALYZE AND SELL OUR PERSONAL DATA. HELPED DEFEAT A PROVISION IN FEDERAL LEGISLATION THAT WOULD HAVE ENACTED A 10-YEAR MORATORIUM BLOCKING STATE GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING AI. SUPPORTED THE REINTRODUCTION OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, WHICH WOULD HELP ELIMINATE BIASES FROM AI TOOLS.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 188,293. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

FUTURE OF JOURNALISM: CONTINUED TO WORK IN AND WITH COMMUNITIES AROUND HOW LOCAL NEWS CAN BE REVIVED, STRENGTHENED AND TRANSFORMED. PROMOTED POLICIES THAT WILL BOOST MEDIA OWNERSHIP AMONG WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL MEDIA OWNERS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES. DEFENDED A FREE PRESS AND URGED PROTECTIONS FOR JOURNALISTS. TESTIFIED BEFORE NEW JERSEY'S SENATE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE URGING LAWMAKERS TO INVEST IN PUBLIC MEDIA AND TO SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT THE NEW JERSEY CIVIC INFORMATION CONSORTIUM. SUPPORT FROM STATE CIVIC LEADERS AND RESIDENTS SECURED \$2.5 MILLION FOR THE CONSORTIUM IN NEW JERSEY'S 2026 BUDGET. BUILT SUPPORT AND MOMENTUM FOR TWO BILLS IN PENNSYLVANIA, ONE WOULD CREATE A PENNSYLVANIA CIVIC INFORMATION CONSORTIUM AND THE OTHER CREATES A STATE

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

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 524,448.

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>		X
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions	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>		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>		
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	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>		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>		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>		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>		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>		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.		
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>	X	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
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>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i> See instructions		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, compensation, bond issues, and transactions.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes rows 2a through 17 with various tax-related questions and numerical inputs.

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

Table with 5 columns: Question, 1a, 1b, Yes, No. Rows include questions about voting members, family relationships, management delegation, significant changes, asset diversion, members, and documentation.

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

Table with 5 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about local chapters, written policies, Form 990 distribution, conflict of interest policy, whistleblower policy, document retention, compensation review, and joint ventures.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed SEE SCHEDULE O
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.
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

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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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 the 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) CRAIG AARON CO-CEO	6.00 34.00	X		X				27,410.	155,324.	32,791.
(2) JESSICA GONZALES CO-CEO	6.00 34.00			X				28,423.	161,064.	22,331.
(3) MATTHEW WOOD VP OF POLICY AND GENERAL COUNSEL	7.00 33.00					X		31,823.	144,969.	31,653.
(4) MISTY PEREZ TRUEDSON CHIEF OF STAFF	1.00 39.00					X		3,476.	170,312.	31,372.
(5) KIMBERLY LONGEY ASSISTANT TREASURER/ASSISTANT SECRET	3.00 37.00			X				12,439.	165,264.	22,122.
(6) CANDACE CLEMENT MANAGING DIRECTOR	4.00 36.00					X		15,071.	135,635.	30,227.
(7) NORA BENAVIDEZ SENIOR COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR/DIGITAL	1.00 39.00					X		4,229.	136,740.	18,970.
(8) DUTCH COSMIAN SENIOR PRODUCT DIRECTOR	0.00 40.00					X		0.	140,287.	16,635.
(9) VANESSA CARDENAS DIRECTOR	1.00 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) HENRY FERNANDEZ DIRECTOR	1.00 1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(11) VICTOR PICKARD DIRECTOR, CHAIR	1.00 1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(12) HEIDI BEIRICH DIRECTOR	1.00 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) MARTHA FUENTES-BAUTISTA DIRECTOR	1.00 1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b	119,634.				
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d	250,000.				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	496,666.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			866,300.			
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)		23,709.			23,709.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	c Gain or (loss)	7c					
	d Net gain or (loss)						
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a						
b Less: direct expenses	8b						
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
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			890,009.	0.	0.	23,709.	

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 X

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	78,088.	44,732.	20,730.	12,626.
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	321,290.	278,576.	9,972.	32,742.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	13,325.	11,868.	169.	1,288.
9 Other employee benefits	47,377.	39,972.	2,244.	5,161.
10 Payroll taxes	31,779.	26,360.	2,121.	3,298.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	11,845.		11,845.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
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.)	69,686.	59,506.	3,984.	6,196.
12 Advertising and promotion	6,251.	6,251.		
13 Office expenses	13,269.	1,231.	1,174.	10,864.
14 Information technology	47,444.	40,504.	2,727.	4,213.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	14,377.	13,667.	-1,167.	1,877.
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	5,473.	795.	4,567.	111.
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 SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,205.	986.	86.	133.
b _____				
c _____				
d _____				
e All other expenses _____				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	661,409.	524,448.	58,452.	78,509.
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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	17,173.	1	27,804.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	609,025.	2	813,885.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	325,000.	4	333,229.
	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	1,610.	9	8,333.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	201,889.	15	183,351.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	1,154,697.	16	1,366,602.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	180,775.	17	185,946.
	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	
	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	32,145.	25	10,279.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	212,920.	26	196,225.
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	941,777.	27	1,170,377.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	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	941,777.	32	1,170,377.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,154,697.	33	1,366,602.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check 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	890,009.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	661,409.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	228,600.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	941,777.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
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	1,170,377.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check 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 on Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? _____		X
3b	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 _____		

Form 990 (2025)

**Schedule B
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

Name of the organization

FREE PRESS ACTION FUND

Employer identification number

04-3771598

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(**4**) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), 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), 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).

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>60,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>2</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>9,550.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>3</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>75,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>4</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>10,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>5</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>8,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>6</u>	 <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>350,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" 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
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	
		\$ _____	

Name of organization FREE PRESS ACTION FUND	Employer identification number 04-3771598
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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	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2025

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c) and Section 527
Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization FREE PRESS ACTION FUND	Employer identification number (EIN) 04-3771598
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2022	(b) 2023	(c) 2024	(d) 2025	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

Table with 3 columns: (a) Yes/No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation... a Volunteers? b Paid staff or management... c Media advertisements? d Mailings to members... e Publications... f Grants to other organizations... g Direct contact with legislators... h Rallies, demonstrations... i Other activities? j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i. 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to not be described in section 501(c)(3)? b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

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

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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Amount. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid): a Current year b Carryover from last year c Total 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues 4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures next year? 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See instructions

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

Blank lines for supplemental information.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Name of the organization **FREE PRESS ACTION FUND** Employer identification number **04-3771598**

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).
 Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 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 on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, 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?

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 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

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 |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 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 in Part XIII

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

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

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment _____%
 - b** Permanent endowment _____%
 - c** 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:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations? | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations? | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(i), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B)) 0.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities

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

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

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, line 13, col. (B))		

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) ADVANCE TO RELATED ORGANIZATION	175,000.
(2) ROU ASSET	8,351.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	183,351.

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) LEASE LIABILITY	10,279.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	10,279.

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 ...

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	890,009.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	890,009.
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	890,009.

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	661,409.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	661,409.
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	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	661,409.

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 ACCOUNTS FOR INCOME TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION (ASC) TOPIC INCOME TAXES. THESE PROVISIONS PROVIDE CONSISTENT GUIDANCE FOR THE ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES RECOGNIZED IN AN ENTITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PRESCRIBE A THRESHOLD OF "MORE LIKELY THAN NOT" FOR RECOGNITION AND DERECOGNITION OF TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN A TAX RETURN. THE ORGANIZATION PERFORMED AN EVALUATION OF UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024, AND DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO MATTERS THAT WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNITION IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR THAT MAY HAVE AN EFFECT ON ITS TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)
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.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

FREE PRESS ACTION FUND

Employer identification number

04-3771598

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No								
<p>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.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)</td> </tr> </table>	<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)		
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<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	1b									
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?	2									
<p>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.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee				
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4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:										
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.										
Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.										
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:										
a The organization?	5a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
b Any related organization?	5b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
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?	6a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
b Any related organization?	6b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
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	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9									

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Schedule J (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

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.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) CRAIG AARON CO-CEO	(i) 27,410.	0.	0.	1,619.	3,299.	32,328.	0.
(ii)	155,324.	0.	0.	9,177.	18,696.	183,197.	0.
(2) JESSICA GONZALES CO-CEO	(i) 28,423.	0.	0.	1,619.	1,730.	31,772.	0.
(ii)	161,064.	0.	0.	9,177.	9,805.	180,046.	0.
(3) MATTHEW WOOD VP OF POLICY AND GENERAL COUNSEL	(i) 31,823.	0.	0.	1,738.	3,959.	37,520.	0.
(ii)	144,969.	0.	0.	7,920.	18,036.	170,925.	0.
(4) MISTY PEREZ TRUEDSON CHIEF OF STAFF	(i) 3,476.	0.	0.	188.	440.	4,104.	0.
(ii)	170,312.	0.	0.	9,189.	21,555.	201,056.	0.
(5) KIMBERLY LONGEY ASSISTANT TREASURER/ASSISTANT SECRET	(i) 12,439.	0.	0.	741.	807.	13,987.	0.
(ii)	165,264.	0.	0.	9,846.	10,728.	185,838.	0.
(6) CANDACE CLEMENT MANAGING DIRECTOR	(i) 15,071.	0.	0.	823.	2,200.	18,094.	0.
(ii)	135,635.	0.	0.	7,408.	19,796.	162,839.	0.
(7) NORA BENAVIDEZ SENIOR COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR/DIGITAL	(i) 4,229.	0.	0.	223.	346.	4,798.	0.
(ii)	136,740.	0.	0.	7,212.	11,189.	155,141.	0.
(8) DUTCH COSMIAN SENIOR PRODUCT DIRECTOR	(i) 0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(ii)	140,287.	0.	0.	5,100.	11,535.	156,922.	0.
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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.

PART I, LINE 3:

EACH POSITION AT FREE PRESS (A RELATED ORGANIZATION) HAS A PAY RANGE. RANGES ARE DETERMINED AFTER REVIEW OF COMPARABILITY DATA, INCLUDING COMPENSATION INFORMATION RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM PEER ORGANIZATIONS, COMPENSATION DATA FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAY SCALE, AND RESEARCH ON NON-PROFIT COMPENSATION CONDUCTED BY GUIDESTAR, REGIONAL EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS, AND JOB POSTINGS. MANAGEMENT INCLUDES COMPENSATION DATA FOR ALL STAFF, INCLUDING THE CO-CEOS AND KEY EMPLOYEES, IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET THAT IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ADVANCE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR. A DETAILED MEMO OUTLINING THE ORGANIZATION'S VALUES AROUND COMPENSATION, THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST PAID EMPLOYEE AND HOW COMPENSATION CHANGES WITHIN ANY FISCAL YEAR IS PROVIDED ALONG WITH THE BUDGET. THE BOARD APPROVES THE BUDGET IN ADVANCE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR. COMPENSATION CHANGES DURING ANY FISCAL YEAR ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF MANAGEMENT, AND MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE BOARD APPROVED BUDGET. MID-YEAR CHANGES TO THE CEO'S COMPENSATION, IF ANY, MUST BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
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OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization FREE PRESS ACTION FUND	Employer identification number 04-3771598
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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:
FREE PRESS ACTION FUND IS A NATIONAL, NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION WORKING TO REFORM THE MEDIA. FREE PRESS ACTION FUND EDUCATES ITS MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON HOW A DIVERSE AND PUBLIC SERVICE-ORIENTED MEDIA SYSTEM CAN STRENGTHEN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:
FREE PRESS ACTION FUND FIGHTS FOR YOUR RIGHTS TO CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE. WE FIGHT TO SAVE THE FREE AND OPEN INTERNET, CURB RUNAWAY MEDIA CONSOLIDATION, PROTECT PRESS FREEDOM, AND PROMOTE DIGITAL CIVIL RIGHTS. WE BELIEVE THAT CHANGE HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE HAVE A REAL VOICE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. TO THAT END, WE MOBILIZE OUR GROWING BASE OF ACTIVISTS TO SIGN PETITIONS, MEET WITH THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND ATTEND RALLIES AND TOWN-HALL MEETINGS, TO LOBBY IN SUPPORT OF POLICIES THAT SERVE THEIR INTERESTS AND AGAINST THOSE THAT DON'T. WE ARE ACTIVE IN ALL EFFORTS TO EXPOSE THE IMPACT OF PUBLIC POLICY ON THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US, INCLUDING PEOPLE OF COLOR AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
SUPPORTED THE BROADCAST FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2025, A BILL THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE FCC FROM PUNISHING BROADCASTERS ON THE BASIS OF VIEWPOINTS AIRED AND PROHIBIT THE FCC FROM REVOKING A LICENSE OR OTHERWISE TAKING ACTION AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY. OPPOSED CONGRESS' RESCISSION OF \$1.1 BILLION IT HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING, FUNDING THAT INCLUDED ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING, INVALUABLE JOURNALISM AND LIFESAVING EMERGENCY ALERTS. EDUCATED POLICYMAKERS AND LOCAL ALLIES IN STATES AND CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO CREATE NEW FORMS OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR LOCAL MEDIA AND CIVIC INFORMATION. PUBLISHED A POLICY AGENDA WITH FOUR POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS: FULLY FUND PUBLIC MEDIA AND INDEPENDENT LOCAL JOURNALISM; RESTORE AND STRENGTHEN MEDIA-OWNERSHIP LIMITS; EMBOLDEN THE FCC'S AND FTC'S ROLE IN STOPPING MEDIA MERGERS THAT HARM THE PUBLIC INTEREST; AND RE-ESTABLISH FEDERAL AGENCIES' INDEPENDENCE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
FELLOWSHIP FOR LOCAL REPORTERS. ADVOCATED IN CALIFORNIA FOR INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY-INFORMATION NEEDS. ENCOURAGED CALIFORNIA'S ALLOCATION OF \$15 MILLION TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE LOCAL NEWS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH HELPS EARLY-CAREER JOURNALISTS WORKING IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:
FREE PRESS ACTION FUND CONDUCTS EDUCATION, ORGANIZING AND MOBILIZING EFFORTS TO SUPPORT OUR MEMBERS TO ADVOCATE FOR BETTER MEDIA, OPEN TECHNOLOGY AND A HEALTHIER DEMOCRACY. AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE NETWORK NEUTRALITY, AFFORDABLE INTERNET ACCESS, ONLINE PRIVACY, CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE, JOURNALISM, CIVIC INFORMATION, PUBLIC MEDIA, MEDIA CONSOLIDATION, MEDIA DIVERSITY, AND GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. IN 2025, FREE PRESS ACTION CONTINUED TO BUILD PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ENTHUSIASM FOR BETTER MEDIA IN THE UNITED STATES BY

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PROVIDING EDUCATION, RESOURCES AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR MEMBERS. OUR MEMBERS ACTED MORE THAN 60,000 TIMES TO SIGN PETITIONS AND MAKE PHONE CALLS TO THEIR LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED LEADERS. FREE PRESS ACTION FILED PUBLIC COMMENTS, PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS, AND DESIGNED AND ADVOCATED FOR POLICIES RELATED TO INTERNET, JOURNALISM, PUBLIC MEDIA AND DISINFORMATION. WE GARNERED MORE THAN 840 PRESS HITS IN OUTLETS INCLUDING THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, THE GUARDIAN, LA OPININ, MOTHER JONES, THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE NEW YORKER, NBC NEWS, NPR AND THE WASHINGTON POST. WE SECURED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM 2,068 UNIQUE DONORS. TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES ARE DETAILED IN THE THREE CORE PROGRAM AREAS ABOVE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B:
NO COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B:
GENERALLY, AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CHAIR, TREASURER, AND ASSISTANT TREASURER) WHICH REVIEWS IT AND THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DURING A MEETING WITH THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT RETAINED TO PREPARE THESE DOCUMENTS. ONCE THE AUDIT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE IS SATISFIED WITH THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED, A COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS SENT TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO FILING. EACH YEAR THE ENTIRE GOVERNING BODY IS OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TO REVIEW THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TO DISCUSS THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES OF THE ORGANIZATION. THIS IS AN OPTIONAL MEETING DESIGNED TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY DIRECT ACCESS TO THE CPA.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:
ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, AND KEY EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANNUALLY INTERESTS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICTS. SIGNED DOCUMENTS ARE COLLECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY. IF A REAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICT IS REPORTED THE PROCEDURES IN THE POLICY ARE FOLLOWED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:
EACH POSITION AT FREE PRESS ACTION FUND HAS A PAY RANGE. RANGES ARE DETERMINED AFTER REVIEW OF COMPARABILITY DATA, INCLUDING COMPENSATION INFORMATION RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM PEER ORGANIZATIONS, COMPENSATION DATA FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAY SCALE, AND RESEARCH ON NON-PROFIT COMPENSATION CONDUCTED BY GUIDESTAR, REGIONAL EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS, AND JOB POSTINGS. MANAGEMENT INCLUDES COMPENSATION DATA FOR ALL STAFF, INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND KEY EMPLOYEES, IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET THAT IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ADVANCE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR. A DETAILED MEMO OUTLINING THE ORGANIZATION'S VALUES AROUND COMPENSATION, THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST PAID EMPLOYEE AND HOW COMPENSATION CHANGES WITHIN ANY FISCAL YEAR IS PROVIDED ALONG WITH THE BUDGET. THE BOARD APPROVES THE BUDGET IN ADVANCE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR. COMPENSATION CHANGES DURING ANY FISCAL YEAR ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF MANAGEMENT, AND MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE BOARD APPROVED BUDGET. MID-YEAR CHANGES TO THE CEO'S COMPENSATION, IF ANY MUST BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:
AL, AK, AR, CA, CT, FL, GA, IL, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MN, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN

Name of the organization FREE PRESS ACTION FUND UT, VA, VT, WA, WV, WI, HI	Employer identification number 04-3771598
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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:
FREE PRESS ACTION FUND WILL PROVIDE COPIES OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UPON REQUEST AND WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS OF ANY REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:	
PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	59,506.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	3,984.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	6,196.
TOTAL EXPENSES	69,686.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	69,686.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C
THE ORGANIZATION'S CHAIR, TREASURER AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT. THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note: Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)		X
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		X
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		X
f Dividends from related organization(s)		X
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)		X
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		X
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		X
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		X
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		X
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	X	
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	X	
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	X	
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses		X
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		X
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) FREE PRESS		P	637,394	ACTUAL REIMBURSEMENTS PAID
(2) FREE PRESS		N	42,005	ACTUAL COSTS, TIME SHEETS
(3) FREE PRESS		O	490,854	ACTUAL COSTS, TIME SHEETS
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

