

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

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

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 R STREET INSTITUTE Doing business as Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1050 17TH STREET NW NO 1150 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20036	D Employer identification number 26-3477125 E Telephone number (202) 525-5717 G Gross receipts \$ 4,164,948
F Name and address of principal officer ELIAS ROTHENBERG-LEHRER 1050 17TH STREET NW NO 1150 WASHINGTON, DC 20036		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		L Year of formation 2008 M State of legal domicile DC
J Website: ▶ WWW.RSTREET.ORG		
K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		

Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities SEE PART III, LINE 1		
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	6
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	20
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	6
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	2,832,801	4,069,963
	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)	1,652	1,051
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	32,045	93,934
		2,866,498	4,164,948
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	175,287	24,901
	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)	1,319,713	2,277,056
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 38,122		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	865,531	1,169,284
18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,360,531	3,471,241	
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	505,967	693,707	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,385,522	2,131,906
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	68,312	120,989
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,317,210	2,010,917	

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here	*****	Signature of officer
		ELIAS ROTHENBERG-LEHRER PRESIDENT Type or print name and title
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature
	Firm's name ▶ GELMAN ROSENBERG & FREEDMAN	
	Firm's address ▶ 4550 MONTGOMERY AVE SUITE 650N BETHESDA, MD 208142930	

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

R STREET IS A NATIONAL, FREE MARKET THINK TANK THAT SUPPORTS LIMITED, EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT AND RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IT STRIVES TO CRAFT PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS TO DOMESTIC POLICY CHALLENGES INVOLVING REGULATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, THE ENVIRONMENT, TAX REFORM, AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

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

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

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 1,408,494 including grants of \$ 24,132) (Revenue \$)

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT - R STREET'S ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM FOCUSES ON THREE MAIN CHALLENGES FIRST, IT STRIVES TO BUILD ON RONALD REAGAN'S CONSERVATION LEGACY BY IDENTIFYING AREAS WHERE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AND REGULATIONS RESULT IN ENVIRONMENTALLY HARMFUL ACTIVITY SECOND, IT PROMOTES FLOURISHING ENERGY MARKETS BY PROPOSING FREE-ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS TO OUR NATION'S ENERGY CHALLENGES FINALLY, IT ADDRESSES THE THREATS PRESENTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH MARKET-ORIENTED SOLUTIONS DESIGNED TO CURB GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN 2015, WE CONTINUED OUR FIGHT ON FLOOD INSURANCE, CROP INSURANCE, AND RESTORE ACT IMPLEMENTATION WE EXPANDED OUR WORK IN CARBON PRICING IN PARALLEL WITH THE CLEAN POWER PLAN PROCESS, ADVOCATING A CARBON PRICE AS A COMPLIANCE MECHANISM UNDER THE REGULATION IN TANDEM, WE AGGRESSIVELY EXPANDED OUR STATE OUTREACH TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THIS FEE AS A COMPLIANCE STRATEGY TO RAISE THE PROFILE OF THE CLIMATE CHALLENGE AMONG CONSERVATIVES, WE WORKED WITH NATIONAL AFFAIRS TO PUBLISH FOUR ESSAYS ON CONSERVATISM AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND USED OUR RAPID RESPONSE CAPABILITY TO COMMENT ON NUMEROUS ISSUES INVOLVING THE CLEAN POWER PLAN, THE POPE'S COMMENTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE, AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY ON CLIMATE CHANGE WE ALSO BEGAN COMMENTING ON RECENT REFORMS IN ELECTRICITY MARKETS IN 2016, R STREET MADE ELECTRICITY MARKET REFORM A DISTINCT FOCUS, PUBLISHING ACADEMIC PAPERS, WHITE PAPERS, EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS, AND OP-EDS ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES RELATED TO PROPOSED AND ACTIVE REFORM ISSUES WE'VE CONTINUED OUR EFFORTS ON CARBON PRICING, PUBLISHING A SERIES OF PAPERS LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR PRINCIPLED WORK ON A REVENUE NEUTRAL CARBON TAX IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE, WE PUBLISHED A SERIES OF PIECES LAYING OUT A CONSERVATIVE VISION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY POLICY WE CONTINUE TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL STAFF EDUCATION, AN ESPECIALLY HIGH PRIORITY IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT CONGRESS WE ALSO EXPANDED OUR WORK IN CROP INSURANCE REFORM IN 2016 THROUGH FIVE RESEARCH PAPERS AND INCREASED CONGRESSIONAL EDUCATION OTHER 2016 PROJECTS INCLUDE WORK ON THE RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD, THE GREENSCISSORS COALITION, NUCLEAR POWER PLANT RETIREMENTS, AND TRENDS IN DIVESTMENT

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 387,863 including grants of \$ 122) (Revenue \$)

GOVERNANCE - THE GOVERNANCE PROJECT EXAMINES DEMOCRATIC DYSFUNCTION WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THE U S CONGRESS THE AIM IS TO DIAGNOSE THE SOURCES OF THE DYSFUNCTION AND TO FIND REFORM PROPOSALS THAT PRODUCE MORE EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE, AS INDICATED BY MORE TIMELY AND SUSTAINABLE BUDGETING, A REINVIGORATION OF CONGRESS AS THE FIRST COEQUAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND MORE CONSISTENT AND RESULTS-FOCUSED OVERSIGHT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THE PROJECT HAS PRODUCED RESEARCH ON CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT, THE FEDERAL BUDGET, LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AGENCIES, AND BUREAUCRACY

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 603,328 including grants of \$ 237) (Revenue \$)

INNOVATION POLICY - R STREET'S INNOVATION POLICY PROGRAM DEVELOPS RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY TO PROMOTE THE DYNAMISM OF GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY MARKETS, AS WELL AS POLICIES TO PROTECT ESSENTIAL FREEDOMS OF EXPRESSION AND PRIVACY IN 2016, R STREET LAUNCHED A NEW CYBERSECURITY PROJECT TO AUGMENT OUR EXISTING FOCUS ON PRIVACY, SURVEILLANCE, AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES POLICY AREAS THE PROJECT FOCUSED ON ISSUES LIKE INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND THE DEBATE OVER THE IANA FUNCTION TRANSITION, THE EMERGING FIELD OF CYBER-INSURANCE, AND THE SECURITY THREATS TO EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS AUGMENTED REALITY, THE INTERNET OF THINGS, DISTRIBUTED APPLICATIONS, AND ENCRYPTED COMMUNICATIONS IN 2016, R STREET ALSO AUGMENTED ITS WORK PROMOTING BALANCED COPYRIGHT, FOCUSING ON MUSIC LICENSING, FAIR USE, AND QUESTIONS AROUND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS/U S COPYRIGHT OFFICE MODERNIZATION R STREET IS PART OF SEVERAL COALITIONS ADVANCING SURVEILLANCE REFORM, INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT, TRANSPARENCY, DIGITAL DUE PROCESS AND PRIVACY R STREET CONTINUES TO EXPAND ITS FOOTPRINT IN PATENT REFORM POLICY, PARTICULARLY BY RESEARCHING WAYS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF "PATENT TROLLS," WHOSE FRIVOLOUS LITIGATION COST MARKETS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR WE ALSO CONTINUE OUR WORK ON THE SHARING ECONOMY, ADVANCING RESEARCH TO HELP GUIDE POLICYMAKERS IN THE REGULATION OF SHARING SERVICES, SUCH AS UBER, LYFT, ZENEFITS AND AIRBNB WE'VE PUBLISHED PAPERS RELATING TO OVER-THE-TOP TELEVISION REGULATION, SURVEILLANCE REFORM, DESIGN PATENTS, COPYRIGHT REFORM AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY-POLICY ISSUES DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, WE WILL RELEASE AN UPDATED SCORECARD AND AN ACCOMPANYING PAPER THAT GRADES AMERICA'S 50 LARGEST CITIES WITH REGARD TO THEIR FRIENDLINESS TO FOR-HIRE DRIVING SERVICES AND A SEPARATE SCORECARD FOR "SPACESHARING" SERVICES

See Additional Data

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 951,785 including grants of \$ 410) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 3,351,470

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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		No
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), descriptions, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions about Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, unrelated business gross income, foreign country, prohibited tax shelter transactions, annual gross receipts, Form 8282, Form 8899, Form 1098-C, Form 4966, Form 501(c)(7) organizations, Form 501(c)(12) organizations, Form 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts, and Form 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 5 main rows (1a-1b, 2-9) and 4 sub-rows (7a-7b, 8a-8b). Columns include question text, a small table for 1a/1b, and Yes/No columns.

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

Table with 16 rows (10a-16b) and 3 columns: question text, Yes, No.

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 4 rows (17-20) and 2 columns: question text, answer field.

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, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) MARNI SOUPCOFF CHAIR	1 00	X		X			0	0	0	
(2) DAVID FRUM VICE CHAIR (UNTIL 2/15)	1 00	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) RYAN ALEXANDER DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(4) MICHAEL COHEN DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(5) BOB INGLIS DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(6) TEVI TROY DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(7) STEVE MCMANUS DIRECTOR	1 00	X					0	0	0	
(8) ELIAS ROTHENBERG-LEHRER PRESIDENT AND VICE CHAIR	40 00			X			213,698	0	21,688	
(9) ERICA SCHODER SECRETARY AND OPER & FINANCE DIR	40 00			X			142,385	0	18,682	
(10) MICHAEL GODWIN DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION POLICY	40 00					X	119,376	0	15,154	
(11) KEVIN KOSAR GOVERNANCE PROJECT DIRECTOR	40 00					X	162,700	0	5,288	
(12) ANDREW MOYLAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40 00					X	154,855	0	13,238	
(13) LORI SANDERS OUTREACH DIRECTOR	40 00					X	110,292	0	16,513	
(14) DAVID CAMERON SMITH STATES DIRECTOR	40 00					X	104,708	0	20,075	

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	1a Federated campaigns 1a _____					
	b Membership dues 1b _____					
	c Fundraising events 1c _____					
	d Related organizations 1d _____					
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e _____					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f _____ 4,069,963					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		4,069,963			
Program Service Revenue	2a _____ 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) ▶		1,051		1,051	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	67,673			
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less rental expenses	0			
		c Rental income or (loss)	67,673			
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶		67,673			67,673
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		c Gain or (loss)				
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a					
		b Less direct expenses b				
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶				
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a					
		b Less direct expenses b				
		c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶				
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a					
b Less cost of goods sold b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a MISCELLANEOUS _____ 900099		26,261			26,261	
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶		26,261				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		4,164,948	0	0	94,985	

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	24,901	24,901		
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	396,453	388,523	3,965	3,965
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	1,520,084	1,480,131	17,545	22,408
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	42,114	40,853	727	534
9	Other employee benefits	171,874	166,452	3,194	2,228
10	Payroll taxes	146,531	141,083	2,282	3,166
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	140	120	18	2
c	Accounting	23,613	20,314	3,034	265
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 Schedule O)	338,465	330,355	7,457	653
12	Advertising and promotion	5,756	5,727	27	2
13	Office expenses	149,766	136,470	12,226	1,070
14	Information technology	24,050	24,050		
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	185,187	159,315	23,790	2,082
17	Travel	261,303	254,761	5,035	1,507
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	136,400	135,561	772	67
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,572	1,351	202	19
23	Insurance	9,701	8,346	1,246	109
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	26,350	26,263	80	7
b	GRAPHIC DESIGN	4,000	4,000		
c	PAYROLL FEES	2,981	2,894	49	38
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	3,471,241	3,351,470	81,649	38,122
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)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	142,971	1	242,259
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	950,980	2	1,116,409
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	240,248	4	676,905
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	6,777	9	53,359
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 8,084		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 4,223	5,433	10c 3,861
	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	39,113	15	39,113
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,385,522	16	2,131,906	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	68,312	17	120,989
	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 current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		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		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	68,312	26	120,989
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	853,364	27	1,556,208
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	463,846	28	454,709
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	1,317,210	33	2,010,917
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,385,522	34	2,131,906	

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	4,164,948
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,471,241
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	693,707
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,317,210
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 in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,010,917

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

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Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$ 233,961 including grants of \$ 68) (Revenue \$)
PUBLIC HEALTH - R STREET'S PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM IS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH THE SUBJECT OF TOBACCO-HARM REDUCTION AND HAS BEGUN EXAMINING WAYS TO LINK TOBACCO HARM REDUCTION TO OTHER FORMS OF HARM REDUCTION FOR BEHAVIORS SUCH AS SEXUAL ACTIVITY AND IV DRUG USE OUR PRIMARY FOCUS REMAINS ON PUBLIC POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE SMOKERS TO SWITCH TO LESS HARMFUL TOBACCO OR NICOTINE PRODUCTS, LIKE SNUS OR ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN 2015, R STREET CONTINUED TO PUBLISH STUDIES AND OP-EDS ON TOBACCO-HARM REDUCTION AND ENGAGED IN REGULATORY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION EFFORTS AROUND THE COUNTRY

(Code) (Expenses \$ 179,888 including grants of \$ 105) (Revenue \$)
TAX & EXPENDITURE - R STREET'S TAX & EXPENDITURE PROGRAM PROMOTES SOUND TAX POLICY AND RESPONSIBLE LIMITS ON SPENDING R STREET HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A NATIONAL LEADER ON INTERNET SALES TAX POLICY IN 2013 AND 2014, WE COMMISSIONED POLLING A NATIONAL POLL AND ADDITIONAL POLLING IN 20 STATES AND AGGRESSIVELY PROMOTED THE RESULTS IN 2015 AND 2016, R STREET WORKED DILIGENTLY ON CAPITOL HILL TO HELP CRAFT AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO THE FLAWED MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT WE WERE ALSO AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN ONGOING COALITIONS TO REFORM PROGRAMS LIKE THE MISGUIDED EXPORT-IMPORT BANK AND DISTORTIONARY TAX PREFERENCES FOR ENERGY SOURCES WE MADE THE PRINCIPLED CASE FOR REFORMING SIGNIFICANTLY--AND ULTIMATELY ELIMINATING--STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT LEVIES, LIKE THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND THE DEATH TAX R STREET STAFF ALSO ENGAGED HEAVILY IN STATE-LEVEL BUDGET FIGHTS IN STATES LIKE FLORIDA, TEXAS, CALIFORNIA AND ALABAMA

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$ 307,486 including grants of \$ 178) (Revenue \$)

FINANCIAL SERVICES - R STREET HOUSES THE LARGEST PROPERTY-INSURANCE PROJECT OF ANY INDEPENDENT FREE-MARKET THINK TANK IN THE WORLD, HIGHLIGHTED BY OUR ANNUAL REPORT CARD OF INSURANCE REGULATION IN THE 50 STATES IN 2014, R STREET PUBLISHED ITS THIRD REPORT CARD AS AN INDEPENDENT THINK TANK, AS WELL AS RESEARCH COAUTHORED WITH FLORIDA'S JAMES MADISON INSTITUTE FOCUSING ON REFORMING FLORIDA'S PROPERTY INSURANCE MARKET SEVERAL R STREET PROPOSALS BECAME LAW WE ALSO PUBLISHED RESEARCH ON TEXAS' HAIL-INSURANCE CRISIS R STREET WORKED WITH THE STATES OF NORTH CAROLINA AND MICHIGAN TO RECOMMEND REFORMS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTO INSURANCE REGULATIONS IN CALIFORNIA, R STREET RESEARCH PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN BEATING BACK ANTI-FREE-MARKET REFORMS TO THE EARTHQUAKE-INSURANCE SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, R STREET PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN BOTH EXPLAINING THE PROBLEMS OF INSURANCE FOR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AND HELPING UNITE INSURERS AND TNCs TO REACH A COMPROMISE WE'VE CONTINUED OUR WORK ON CREDIT UNIONS, PUBLISHING A NUMBER OF OPINION PIECES INCLUDING ONE FOCUSED ON THE MEMBER-BUSINESS-LENDING CAP

(Code) (Expenses \$ 84,649 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE - R STREET'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM AIMS TO FORWARD A COMPREHENSIVE, SOLUTIONS-BASED CONSERVATIVE PROGRAM THAT DEALS WITH POLICING AND ADULT AND JUVENILE CORRECTIONS IN 2015, R STREET'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDED LEADING THE WAY ON ISSUES OF PRIVACY AND CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE REFORM AND PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AND LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PRACTICE OF INCLUDING JUVENILES ON SEX OFFENDER REGISTRIES

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$ 145,801 including grants of \$ 59) (Revenue \$)

INCOME MOBILITY - R STREET'S WORK ON INCOME MOBILITY EXAMINES POLICY SOLUTIONS, CENTERED ON WORK, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY--THAT ENSURE ALL AMERICANS HAVE ACCESS TO THE FUNDAMENTAL TOOLS NECESSARY TO ACCESS OPPORTUNITY IN 2015, R STREET EXAMINED MARRIAGE-NEUTRAL ADJUSTMENTS TO WELFARE BENEFITS, PROGRAMS THAT BRING THE UNEMPLOYED AND HARD-TO-EMPLOY BACK INTO PERMANENT, FULL-TIME WORK AND METHODS FOR ENCOURAGING GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY TO SOLVE SPATIAL MISMATCH IN THE JOB MARKET OUR 2016 WORK FOCUSED ON THE DIFFERENCE IN THE REAL VALUE OF EITC PAYMENTS BASED ON VARYING COSTS OF LIVING, AS WELL AS ON POTENTIAL REFORMS TO WIC

SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization R STREET INSTITUTE

Employer identification number

26-3477125

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).
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).
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).
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).
8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).
9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions...
10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety.
11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations...
a Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s)...
b Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s)...
c Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s)...
d Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated...
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).

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?, (v) Amount of monetary support, (vi) Amount of other support. Includes a Total row at the bottom.

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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants.)		791,833	2,353,072	2,832,801	4,069,963	10,047,669
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		791,833	2,353,072	2,832,801	4,069,963	10,047,669
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)						4,253,704
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,793,965

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4		791,833	2,353,072	2,832,801	4,069,963	10,047,669
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources		66	920	6,819	68,724	76,529
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)		223	15,488	26,253	26,261	68,225
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						10,192,423

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12** 625

13 First five 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

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	56.850%
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	52.130%

16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test—2014. 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

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. 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

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. 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

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

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(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 five 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

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

- 1** Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? *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 directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.*
- 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.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 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).*

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 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, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 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).*
- 3** By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? *If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.*

	Yes	No
1		
2		
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**)
- a** The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b** The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c** The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).
- 2** Activities Test **Answer (a) and (b) below.**

- 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 (a) 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.*
- 3** Parent of Supported Organizations **Answer (a) and (b) below.**
- 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? *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.*

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

- 1** Net short-term capital gain
- 2** Recoveries of prior-year distributions
- 3** Other gross income (see instructions)
- 4** Add lines 1 through 3
- 5** Depreciation and depletion
- 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)
- 7** Other expenses (see instructions)
- 8** **Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

- 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
- b** Average monthly cash balances
- c** Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets
- d** **Total** (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)
- e** **Discount** claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____
- 2** Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets
- 3** Subtract line 2 from line 1d
- 4** Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)
- 5** Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)
- 6** Multiply line 5 by .035
- 7** Recoveries of prior-year distributions
- 8** **Minimum Asset Amount** (add line 7 to line 6)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
1a		
1b		
1c		
1d		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Section C - Distributable Amount

- 1** Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)
- 2** Enter 85% of line 1
- 3** Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)
- 4** Enter greater of line 2 or line 3
- 5** Income tax imposed in prior year
- 6** **Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)
- 7** Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

		Current Year
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

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

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

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

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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or
990-EZ)

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue
Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of the organization R STREET INSTITUTE	Employer identification number 26-3477125
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 (grass roots lobbying)	500													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	11,557													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	12,057													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	3,459,184													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	3,471,241													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	323,562													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
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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)	80,891													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-	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?														

 Yes **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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount		242,267	268,027	323,562	833,856
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,250,784
c Total lobbying expenditures		8,590	5,438	12,057	26,085
d Grassroots nontaxable amount		60,567	67,007	80,891	208,465
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					312,698
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures			2,058	500	2,558

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ 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.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
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Employer identification number

26-3477125

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? Yes 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? Yes 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 (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an 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

- a Total number of conservation easements
- b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
- c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
- d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	
2b	
2c	
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? Yes 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)? Yes 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 SFAS 116 (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 SFAS 116 (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 SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items
- a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
- b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

(continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
- | | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

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

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- (i)** unrelated organizations
 - (ii)** related organizations
- b** If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
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" to 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		8,084	4,223	3,861
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c) ▶				3,861

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	4,164,948
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	4,164,948
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	4,164,948

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	3,471,241
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	3,471,241
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	3,471,241

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, R STREET HAS DOCUMENTED ITS CONSIDERATION OF FASB ASC 740-10, INCOME TAXES, THAT PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR REPORTING UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES AND HAS DETERMINED THAT NO MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS QUALIFY FOR EITHER RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Schedule I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

Attach to Form 990.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization R STREET INSTITUTE

Employer identification number

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance...
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section if applicable, (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation, (g) Description of non-cash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Includes entry for AMERICAN IDEAS (1) INSTITUTE.

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

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
 Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

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

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	GRANT PROPOSALS ARE CREATED BY PROGRAM STAFF AND, BASED ON THE ACTIVITIES IN THE PROPOSAL, THE FINANCE DIRECTOR CREATES A GRANT BUDGET THESE ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE PRESIDENT BEFORE SUBMISSION GRANT ACTIVITIES ARE MONITORED WEEKLY BY THE PROGRAM STAFF AND GRANT EXPENDITURES ARE MONITORED MONTHLY BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR ALL DIRECT EXPENSES ARE ASSIGNED TO EACH PROGRAM AREA AS THEY ARE INCURRED OR, WITH SALARIES, ACCORDING TO THE BI-WEEKLY PAY CYCLE ALL INDIRECT COSTS ARE ALLOCATED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR AT THE END OF THE GRANT'S FINANCIAL PERIOD FINAL GRANT NARRATIVE IS CREATED BY PROGRAM STAFF AND A FINAL BUDGET FINANCIAL IS CREATED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR THESE ARE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE PRESIDENT

**Schedule J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

OMB No 1545-0047

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

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

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

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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.
 - First-class or charter travel
 - Travel for companions
 - Tax idemnification and gross-up payments
 - Discretionary spending account
 - Housing allowance or residence for personal use
 - Payments for business use of personal residence
 - Health or social club dues or initiation fees
 - Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)
- b** If any of the boxes in 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, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?
- 3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.
 - Compensation committee
 - Independent compensation consultant
 - Form 990 of other organizations
 - Written employment contract
 - Compensation survey or study
 - 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 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 non-fixed payments not described in 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	Yes	
2	Yes	
4a		No
4b		No
4c		No
5a		No
5b		No
6a		No
6b		No
7	Yes	
8		No
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Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 ELIAS ROTHENBERG-LEHRER PRESIDENT AND VICE CHAIR	(i)	190,988 -----	25,400 -----	-2,690 -----	6,492 -----	15,196 -----	235,386 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 ERICA SCHODER SECRETARY AND OPER & FINANCE DIR	(i)	128,985 -----	13,400 -----	0 -----	4,271 -----	14,411 -----	161,067 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 KEVIN KOSAR GOVERNANCE PROJECT DIRECTOR	(i)	150,050 -----	12,650 -----	0 -----	4,881 -----	407 -----	167,988 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 ANDREW MOYLAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	134,224 -----	22,400 -----	-1,769 -----	4,699 -----	8,539 -----	168,093 -----	0 -----
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 1A	R STREET PROVIDES A TAXABLE HEALTH CLUB BENEFIT TO ALL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES UPON PROOF OF PAYMENT, R STREET REIMBURSES UP TO \$50 PER MONTH FOR HEALTH CLUB DUES
PART I, LINE 7	THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDED BONUSES TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS/EMPLOYEE M GODWIN - \$8,400 K KOSAR - \$12,650 A MOYLAN - \$22,400 E ROTHENBERG-LEHRER - \$25,400 L SANDERS - \$10,100 E SCHODER - \$13,400 D SMITH - 12,400

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

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE FORM 990 WAS PREPARED BY THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS AND REVIEWED BY R STREET'S OPERATIONS DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND ALL EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO ANNUALLY SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY STATEMENT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BOARD THAT THE EXISTENCE OF ANY INTERESTS BE DISCLOSED BEFORE ANY TRANSACTION IS CONSUMMATED AFTER A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS DISCLOSED, THE BOARD OR A DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE THEREOF DETERMINES WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS AND, IN THE CASE OF AN EXISTING CONFLICT, WHETHER THE CONTEMPLATED TRANSACTION MAY BE AUTHORIZED AS JUST, FAIR, AND REASONABLE TO R STREET THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OR A DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE THEREOF ON THESE MATTERS RESTS IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, AND ITS CONCERN MUST BE THE WELFARE OF R STREET AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF ITS PURPOSE

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN IS SET BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE AFTER REVIEWING COMPARABILITY DATA AND IS DOCUMENTED THE COMPENSATION OF ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES IS EVALUATED AND SET BY THE PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN BASED ON COMPARABILITY DATA AND IS DOCUMENTED THE LAST SALARY REVIEW TOOK PLACE IN DECEMBER 2015
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST