

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 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2020, and ending 12-31-2020

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 PROTECTING OHIO INC Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 618 SOUTH ALFRED ST City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314	D Employer identification number 84-1869360 E Telephone number _____	G Gross receipts \$ 592,500
F Name and address of principal officer: NICOLAS WISE 7607 SOUTHDOWN RD ALEXANDRIA, VA 22308		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 type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		L Year of formation: 2019 M State of legal domicile:	
J Website: ▶			
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: PROTECTING OHIO SEEKS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES IN THE STATE OF OHIO, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF LAW AND ORDER.		
Activities & Governance	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	1
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	1
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	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 39	7b	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	175,500	592,500
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	175,500	592,500
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		34,372
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 12,500		
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	10,517	720,107
18		Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	10,517	754,479
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	164,983	-161,979
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	164,983	3,004
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		0
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	164,983	3,004

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer	2021-05-15 Date
	NICOLAS WISE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date 2021-11-15	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01771501
	Firm's name ▶ ACCOUNTING AND CONSULTING SOLUTIONS			Firm's EIN ▶ 45-4493971	
	Firm's address ▶ 370 E SOUTH TEMPLE STE 580 SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111			Phone no. (385) 202-7284	

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

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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:

PROTECTING OHIO SEEKS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES IN THE STATE OF OHIO, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF LAW AND ORDER.

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 \$ 741,715 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

DURING THE 2020 TAX YEAR, PROTECTING OHIO CONDUCTED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND BUILT GRASSROOTS SUPPORT TO INFLUENCE POLICYMAKING OUTCOMES THROUGH GRASSROOTS MOBILIZATION AND ADVOCACY. THESE EFFORTS INCLUDED SPONSORING POLICY RESEARCH ON SUBSTANTIAL ISSUES, AS WELL AS EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE PROMOTION OF LAW AND ORDER AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. PROTECTING OHIO ALSO CONDUCTED RESEARCH AND POLLING TO DETERMINE HOW VARIOUS DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS IN OHIO RESPONDED TO VARIOUS PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES, AND TO IDENTIFY THEIR PREFERENCES AND CONCERNS. PROTECTING OHIO'S PAID ADVERTISING IN SUPPORT OF THESE GRASSROOTS, EDUCATIONAL AND ISSUE-FOCUSED ACTIVITIES INCLUDED MAILINGS, EMAILS, AND WEB-BASED ADVOCACY TOOLS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 741,715

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Contains 21 numbered questions regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding grants, compensation, tax-exempt bonds, excess benefit transactions, and controlled entities.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

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

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

<p>2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return</p>	<p>2a <input type="text" value="0"/></p>		
<p>b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)</p>		<p>2b</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?</p>		<p>3a</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</p>		<p>3b</p>	
<p>4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?</p>		<p>4a</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <input type="text"/> See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).</p>			
<p>5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?</p>		<p>5a</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?</p>		<p>5b</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?</p>		<p>5c</p>	
<p>6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?</p>		<p>6a</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?</p>		<p>6b</p>	
<p>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</p>			
<p>a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?</p>		<p>7a</p>	
<p>b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?</p>		<p>7b</p>	
<p>c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?</p>		<p>7c</p>	
<p>d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year</p>	<p>7d <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?</p>		<p>7e</p>	
<p>f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?</p>		<p>7f</p>	
<p>g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?</p>		<p>7g</p>	
<p>h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?</p>		<p>7h</p>	
<p>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?</p>		<p>8</p>	
<p>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</p>			
<p>a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?</p>		<p>9a</p>	
<p>b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?</p>		<p>9b</p>	
<p>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:</p>			
<p>a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12</p>	<p>10a <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities</p>	<p>10b <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:</p>			
<p>a Gross income from members or shareholders</p>	<p>11a <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)</p>	<p>11b <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?</p>		<p>12a</p>	
<p>b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.</p>	<p>12b <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</p>			
<p>a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.</p>		<p>13a</p>	
<p>b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans</p>	<p>13b <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>c Enter the amount of reserves on hand</p>	<p>13c <input type="text"/></p>		
<p>14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?</p>		<p>14a</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</p>		<p>14b</p>	
<p>15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.</p>		<p>15</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.</p>		<p>16</p>	<p>No</p>

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13.; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done.; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?; 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: MCCAULEY & ASSOCIATES PC 370 E SOUTH TEMPLE SUITE 580 SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111 (385) 202-7284

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...
List all of the organization's current key employees...
List the organization's five current highest compensated employees...
List all of the organization's former officers, key employees...
List all of the organization's former directors or trustees...

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

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation. Includes entry for (1) NICOLAS WISE, EXECUTIVE DI.

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

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position (Individual trustee or director, Institutional Trustee, Officer, Key employee, Highest compensated employee, Former), (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation.

Summary rows: 1b Sub-Total, c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A, d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) with value 34,372.

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

Table with 3 rows and 3 columns (3, 4, 5) for questions regarding former officers, compensation over \$150,000, and compensation from unrelated organizations.

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

Table with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation.

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

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	592,500			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f: \$	1g				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		592,500			
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)					
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		6b Less: rental expenses				
		6c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		7b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		7c 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	8a				
		b Less: direct expenses	8b			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
	b Less: direct expenses	9b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					

10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . .	10a				
b Less: cost of goods sold . . .	10b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . ▶					
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a					
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶					
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶			592,500		

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	34,372	34,372		
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				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	71,043	71,043		
c Accounting				
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)	18,483	5,719	264	12,500
12 Advertising and promotion	209,101	209,101		
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates	421,480	421,480		
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
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				
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	754,479	741,715	264	12,500
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 IX

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	164,983	1	3,004
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	164,983	16	3,004	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0	26	0
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	164,983	27	3,004
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	164,983	32	3,004
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	164,983	33	3,004	

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	592,500
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	754,479
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-161,979
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	164,983
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	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	3,004

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
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.		

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Schedule of Contributors ▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.	OMB No. 1545-0047 2020
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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

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- 501(c)(4) (enter number) organization
- 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
- 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

- 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
- 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
- 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

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

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

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
—	See Additional Data Table <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contribution.)</small>
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.			
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
-	_____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____	_____ \$	_____
-	_____	_____ \$	_____

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

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

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

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

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

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	N/A	\$ 210,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution.)
2	N/A	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution.)
3	N/A	\$ 75,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution.)
4	N/A	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution.)
5	N/A	\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution.)
6	N/A	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
	N/A		Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution.)

Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 501(c)(29) organizations only). Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

Table with 5 main columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization, (c) Description of transaction, (d) Corrected? Yes/No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958. 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization.

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

Table with 9 main columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship with organization, (c) Purpose of loan, (d) Loan to or from the organization?, (e) Original principal amount, (f) Balance due, (g) In default?, (h) Approved by board or committee?, (i) Written agreement?

Total

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Table with 5 main columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of assistance, (d) Type of assistance, (e) Purpose of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) WISE & ASSOCIATES	EXEC DIRECTOR				No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE L, PART V	NICHOLAS WISE WAS COMPENSATED FOR HIS ROLE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND TREASURER OF THE ORGANIZATION AND WAS PAID THROUGH WISE & ASSOCIATES, AND WISE & ASSOCIATES WAS COMPENSATED FOR NICHOLAS WISE'S SERVICES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND TREASURER.

SCHEDULE O
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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.
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FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL TEAM WORK TOGETHER TO COMPILE INFORMATION REGARDING ACTIVITIES AND FINANCES; ONCE DRAFT IS PREPARED, THE COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL TEAM REVIEW FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR ACCURACY, AND LEGAL COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND BOARD REVIEW BEFORE FILING.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AT ITS INITIAL MEETING BY COUNSEL AND THE BOARD ADOPTED IT. THE BOARD RECEIVED PERIODIC REMINDERS OF THE POLICY AND IS ASKED TO MAKE DISCLOSURES OF ANY CONFLICTS.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	FOR REVIEWING AND APPROVING COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES, THE BOARD WILL USE COMPARABILITY DATA THAT DOCUMENTS COMPENSATION LEVELS FOR SIMILAR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN SIMILAR POSITIONS AT SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	NO DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

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