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Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No 1545-0047

2002

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2002 calendar year, or tax year period beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: **THE CENTER FOR VOTING AND DEMOCRACY**
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): **P.O. BOX 60037**
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: **WASHINGTON, DC 20039**

D Employer identification number: **54-1635649**

E Telephone number: **301 270 4616**

F Accounting method: Cash Accrual

G Web site: **N/A**

J Organization type (check only one): 501(c) (3) (Insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check here If the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

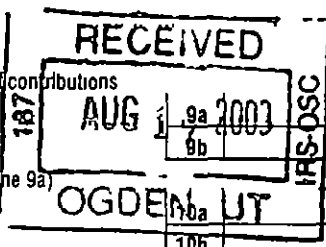
L Gross receipts. Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12: **575457.**

M Check if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations
H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) If "Yes," enter number of affiliates: **N/A**
H(c) Are all affiliates included? Yes No (If "No," attach a list)
H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No
I Enter 4-digit GEN: **N/A**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received				
	a	Direct public support	1a	414297.		
	b	Indirect public support	1b			
	c	Government contributions (grants)	1c			
	d	Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ <u>414297.</u> noncash \$ _____)	1d		414297.	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2		146016.	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3		1750.	
	4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4		470.	
	5	Dividends and interest from securities	5			
	6a	Gross rents	6a			
	b	Less rental expenses	6b			
	c	Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
7	Other investment income (describe SEE STATEMENT 1)	7		-131.		
Revenue	8a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	(B) Other		
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	8a			
	c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	8b			
	d	Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	8c			
Revenue	9	Special events and activities (attach schedule)				
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a			
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b			
c	Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	9c				
Revenue	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a			
	b	Less cost of goods sold	10b			
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10c			
	11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11		13055.	
	12	Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12		575457.	
Expenses	13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13		564735.	
	14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14		89851.	
	15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15		30854.	
	16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16			
	17	Total expenses (add lines 16 and 44, column (A))	17		685440.	
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18		-109983.	
Net Assets	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19		40208.	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) SEE STATEMENT 2	20		43.	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19 and 20)	21		-69732.	



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Part II

Statement of Functional Expenses

All organizations must complete column (A) Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____	22			
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc	25	47003.	32902.	5640.
26	Other salaries and wages	26	222041.	182222.	13434.
27	Pension plan contributions	27			
28	Other employee benefits	28	11028.	9043.	662.
29	Payroll taxes	29	23321.	19123.	1399.
30	Professional fundraising fees	30			
31	Accounting fees	31			
32	Legal fees	32	350.	350.	
33	Supplies	33	5774.	2713.	173.
34	Telephone	34	13755.	12104.	688.
35	Postage and shipping	35	11290.	9823.	790.
36	Occupancy	36	46617.	21910.	1399.
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37			
38	Printing and publications	38	22915.	21998.	802.
39	Travel	39	11196.	9853.	112.
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40	3005.	1954.	
41	Interest	41			
42	Depreciation depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42	3180.	3180.	
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize)				
a	_____	43a			
b	_____	43b			
c	_____	43c			
d	_____	43d			
e	SEE STATEMENT 3	43e	263965.	241090.	5755.
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 through 43) Organizations completing columns (B)-(D) carry these totals to lines 13-15	44	685440.	564735.	30854.

Joint Costs Check if you are following SOP 98-2

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No

If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____, (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____,

(iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____, and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **SEE ATTACHMENT 1**

SEE ATTACHMENT 1

All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs and 4947(a)(1) trusts but optional for others.)

a	PUBLIC EDUCATION SEE ATTACHMENT 1 (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	175650.
b	VOTING RIGHTS/COMMUNITIES SEE ATTACHMENT 1 (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	78420.
c	INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING PROJECT SEE ATTACHMENT 1 (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	184641.
d	BALLOT SERVICE CONTRACT SEE ATTACHMENT 1 (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	126024.
e	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____)	
f	Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)	564735.

Part IV Balance Sheets

Note Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing	9353.	45	17919.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46	
	47 a Accounts receivable		47a	
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts		47b	47c
	48 a Pledges receivable		48a	
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts	75000.	48b	48c
	49 Grants receivable		49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		50	
	51 a Other notes and loans receivable		51a	
	b Less allowance for doubtful accounts		51b	51c
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52	
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		53	
	54 Investments - securities	2022.	54	
	55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis		55a	
	b Less accumulated depreciation		55b	55c
56 Investments - other		56		
57 a Land, buildings, and equipment basis	17800.	57a		
b Less accumulated depreciation STMT 4	11404.	57b	57c	
58 Other assets (describe SEE STATEMENT 5)	7482.	58	6396.	
	15888.	58	5314.	
59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)	109745.	59	29629.	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	32954.	60	16910.
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue	36583.	62	32083.
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		63	
	64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe SEE STATEMENT 6)		65	50368.
66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)	69537.	66	99361.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74			
	67 Unrestricted	-60292.	67	-185148.
	68 Temporarily restricted	100500.	68	115416.
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72, column (A) must equal line 19, column (B) must equal line 21)	40208.	73	-69732.	
74 Total liabilities and net assets / fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)	109745.	74	29629.	

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	a	575457.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 12, Form 990		
(1)	Net unrealized gains on investments \$		
(2)	Donated services and use of facilities \$		
(3)	Recoveries of prior year grants \$		
(4)	Other (specify) \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4)	b	0.
c	Line a minus line b	c	575457.
d	Amounts included on line 12, Form 990 but not on line a		
(1)	Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$		
(2)	Other (specify) \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2)	d	0.
e	Total revenue per line 12, Form 990 (line c plus line d)	e	575457.

Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	a	685440.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 17, Form 990		
(1)	Donated services and use of facilities \$		
(2)	Prior year adjustments reported on line 20, Form 990 \$		
(3)	Losses reported on line 20, Form 990 \$		
(4)	Other (specify) \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4)	b	0.
c	Line a minus line b	c	685440.
d	Amounts included on line 17, Form 990 but not on line a		
(1)	Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$		
(2)	Other (specify) \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2)	d	0.
e	Total expenses per line 17, Form 990 (line c plus line d)	e	685440.

Part V List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 7		47003.	0.	0.

75 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee receive aggregate compensation of more than \$100,000 from your organization and all related organizations, of which more than \$10,000 was provided by the related organizations? If "Yes," attach schedule Yes No

Part VI Other Information

76 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity
77 Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS?
78 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?
78 b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?
79 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year?
80 a Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc. to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?
80 b If "Yes," enter the name of the organization and check whether it is exempt or nonexempt
81 a Enter direct or indirect political expenditures See line 81 instructions
81 b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
82 a Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?
82 b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II (See instructions in Part III)
83 a Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?
83 b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?
84 a Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?
84 b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?
85 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?
85 b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?
85 c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members
85 d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures
85 e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices
85 f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)
85 g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?
85 h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?
86 501(c)(7) organizations a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12
86 b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities
87 501(c)(12) organizations a Gross income from members or shareholders
87 b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)
88 At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3?
89 a 501(c)(3) organizations Enter Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911
89 b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year?
90 a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
90 b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2002
91 The books are in care of
Located at
92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See page 31 of the instructions)

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclu- sion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue					
a BALLOT SERVICE-CONTRACT					146016.
b					
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					1750.
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	470.	
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income			18	-131.	
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue					
a SALES OF PUBLICATIONS					2555.
b MISC. INCOME: RENT					10500.
c					
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))		0.		339.	160821.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					161160.

Note Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See page 32 of the instructions)

Line No	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes)
104	THE CENTER'S PROGRAM ARE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN ATTACHMENT

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See page 32 of the instructions)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
N/A	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See page 33 of the instructions)

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

Note If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions)

Please Sign Here: 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.

Signature of officer: *[Signature]* Date: 8/14/03 Preparer's name and title: ROBERT RICHIE, EXECUTIVE DIREC

Preparer's signature: *[Signature]* Date: 8/17/03 Check if self-employed: Preparer's SSN or PTIN: _____

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address and ZIP + 4: RICHARD S. BADGER, CPA, 302 MAPLE AVENUE WEST, VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180

EIN: _____ Phone no: _____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

Supplementary Information-(See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

OMB No 1545-0047

2002

Name of the organization **THE CENTER FOR VOTING AND DEMOCRACY** Employer Identification number **54 1635649**

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees

(See page 1 of the instructions List each one If there are none, enter "None")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE -----				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶	0			

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

(See page 2 of the instructions List each one (whether individuals or firms) If there are none, enter "None")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE -----		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶	0	

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions)

1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ \$ 79549. (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line 1 of Part VI-B)

	Yes	No
1	X	
2a		X
2b		X
2c		X
2d		X
2e		X
3		X
4		X

Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities

2 During the year has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions)

- a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?
- b Lending of money or other extension of credit?
- c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?
- d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?
- e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?

3 Does the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc ? (See Note below)

4 Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?

Note Attach a statement to explain how the organization determines that individuals or organizations receiving grants or loans from it in furtherance of its charitable programs "qualify" to receive payments

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 5 of the instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only ONE applicable box)

- 5 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)
- 6 A school Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) (Also complete Part V)
- 7 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)
- 8 A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)
- 9 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii) Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶ _____
- 10 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 11a An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 11b A community trust Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 12 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 charitable, etc , functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See section 509(a)(2) (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A)
- 13 An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in (1) lines 5 through 12 above, or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2) (See section 509(a)(3))

Provide the following information about the supported organizations (See page 5 of the instructions)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety Section 509(a)(4) (See page 5 of the instructions)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12) Use cash method of accounting
Note You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2001	(b) 2000	(c) 1999	(d) 1998	(e) Total		
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	324701.	314884.	254675.	240753.	1135013.		
16 Membership fees received	1455.	1050.	940.	1220.	4665.		
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	175602.	1347.	2140.	8041.	187130.		
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	1916.	1165.	3302.	1170.	7553.		
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18							
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf							
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.							
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets.		-416.	SEE STATEMENT 9 45.		-371.		
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	503674.	318030.	261102.	251184.	1333990.		
24 Line 23 minus line 17	328072.	316683.	258962.	243143.	1146860.		
25 Enter 1% of line 23	5037.	3180.	2611.	2512.			
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11	a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24				26a	N/A	
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 1998 through 2001 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of all these excess amounts.					26b	N/A	
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test. Enter line 24, column (e).					26c	N/A	
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____					26d	N/A	
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)					26e	N/A	
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))					26f	N/A %	
27 Organizations described on line 12	a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year.						
(2001)	0.	(2000)	0.	(1999)	0.	(1998)	0.
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000 (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year.							
(2001)	0.	(2000)	0.	(1999)	0.	(1998)	0.
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines 15 _____ 1135013. 16 _____ 4665. 17 _____ 187130. 20 _____ 21 _____							
d Add: Line 27a total _____ 0. and line 27b total _____ 0.							
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)							
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test. Enter amount on line 23, column (e).							
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))							
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))							

28 Unusual Grants For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1998 through 2001, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
29	Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?		
30	Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?		
31	Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe, if "No," please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)		

32	Does the organization maintain the following		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)	32d	

33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to		
a	Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b	Admissions policies?	33b	
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e	Educational policies?	33e	
f	Use of facilities?	33f	
g	Athletic programs?	33g	
h	Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)	33h	

34 a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement	34b	
35	Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions)

(To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check a if the organization belongs to an affiliated group Check b if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred)		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
		N/A	
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	32342.
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	47207.
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	79549.
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	605891.
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	685440.
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table - If the amount on line 40 is - The lobbying nontaxable amount is - Not over \$500 000 20% of the amount on line 40 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	41	127816.
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	31954.
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36 Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	388.
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38 Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	0.

Caution If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720

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 instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total	
45	Lobbying nontaxable amount	127816.	110110.	60285.	51913.	350124.
46	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					525186.
47	Total lobbying expenditures	79549.	52800.	4137.	2012.	138498.
48	Grassroots nontaxable amount	31954.	27528.	15071.	12978.	87531.
49	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					131297.
50	Grassroots lobbying expenditures	32342.	26620.	0.	0.	58962.

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions)

N/A

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers			
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h)			
c Media advertisements			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public			
e Publications or published or broadcast statements			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body			
h Rallies demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means			
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h)			0.

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities

Part VII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations (See page 12 of the instructions)

51 Did the reporting organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

a Transfers from the reporting organization to a noncharitable exempt organization of

- (i) Cash
 - (ii) Other assets
- b** Other transactions
- (i) Sales or exchanges of assets with a noncharitable exempt organization
 - (ii) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
 - (iii) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
 - (iv) Reimbursement arrangements
 - (v) Loans or loan guarantees
 - (vi) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

	Yes	No
51a(i)		X
a(ii)		X
b(i)		X
b(ii)		X
b(iii)		X
b(iv)		X
b(v)		X
b(vi)		X
c		X

c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting organization. If the organization received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received N/A

(a) Line no	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

52 a Is the organization directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule N/A

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Form 990, Schedule A: Attachment B

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PART VI-A, Lobbying Activities by Electing Public Charities

a) Grassroots lobbying

The Center was involved in advocating for two ballot measures one to adopt instant runoff voting in San Francisco (CA) and one to adopt instant runoff voting in Alaska. The San Francisco measure was voted on in March 2002. For both campaigns we donated some money for a mixture of grassroots and direct lobbying activities. We also put some relatively significant staff time (partial time of two staff members in San Francisco and part-time for one staff member in Alaska) into the campaigns and small amounts of time of several staff members. The grassroots expenditures were largely in the form of mailings and phone calls to voters in San Francisco and Alaska.

b) Direct lobbying

The Center was engaged in direct lobbying activity associated with the two ballot measures for instant runoff voting – one in Alaska and one in San Francisco. The Center made donations that involved efforts to obtain the support of elected officials for the ballot measures – ultimately succeeding in gaining support from several leading elected representatives for the campaigns.

The Center was also involved in limited direct lobbying efforts in some on voting system reform legislation. The activity primarily involved assisting in the drafting of language, providing testimony and meeting legislators. The four efforts where nearly of this lobbying occurred were in California, Illinois, Texas and Vermont. In California, Steven Hill and Caleb Kleppner engaged in direct lobbying with members of the Berkeley city council about a proposed instant runoff voting measure. In Washington, short-term consultant Brent White did some lobbying of the Washington state legislature for instant runoff voting legislation. In Vermont, consultant Terry Bouricius and a Montpelier lobbying firm lobbied the state legislature on a bill to implement instant runoff voting for state legislative elections. In Illinois, staff member Dan Johnson-Weinberger helped draft and build support for legislation about use of cumulative voting in local and state elections.

2002 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION REPORT

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Asset No	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Line No	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179	Amount Of Depreciation
1	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	010194200DB5	DB5	00	17	1470.			1470.	1470.		0.
2	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	010198200DB5	DB5	00	17	2147.			2147.	1716.		247.
3	FURNITURE	99200DB7	DB7	00	17	1507.			1507.	647.		188.
4	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	99200DB5	DB5	00	17	5780.			5780.	3468.		666.
5	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	060100200DB5	DB5	00	17	3075.			3075.	923.		590.
6	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	122801200DB5	DB5	00	17	1727.			1727.			656.
7	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	070102200DB5	DB5	00	19B	2094.			2094.			833.
	* TOTAL 990 PAGE 2 DEPR					17800.		0.	17800.	8224.	0.	3180.

FORM 990	OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME	STATEMENT	1
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
REALIZED LOSS ON SALES OF INVESTMENTS			-131.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART I, LINE 7			-131.

FORM 990	OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	2
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS			43.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART I, LINE 20			43.

FORM 990	OTHER EXPENSES			STATEMENT	3
DESCRIPTION	(A) TOTAL	(B) PROGRAM SERVICES	(C) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	(D) FUNDRAISING	
AUDIT	5000.		5000.		
FAIR VOTE PROJECT	48224.	39149.	4779.	4296.	
BANK FEES	368.		368.		
CONSULTANTS	40686.	39652.	242.	792.	
INTERNS	22626.	19433.	3193.		
OTHER TAXES	327.		327.		
BALLOT SERVICE					
CONTRACT EXPENSES	124075.	122834.	1241.		
PROFESSIONAL FEES	22246.	20022.	1557.	667.	
INSURANCE	413.		413.		
TOTAL TO FM 990, LN 43	263965.	241090.	17120.	5755.	

FORM 990 DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS NOT HELD FOR INVESTMENT STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	COST OR OTHER BASIS	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	BOOK VALUE
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1470.	1470.	0.
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	2147.	1963.	184.
FURNITURE	1507.	835.	672.
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	5780.	4134.	1646.
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	3075.	1513.	1562.
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1727.	656.	1071.
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	2094.	833.	1261.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LN 57	17800.	11404.	6396.

FORM 990 OTHER ASSETS STATEMENT 5

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
PREPAID EXPENSES	2893.
SECURITY DEPOSIT	2421.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 58, COLUMN B	5314.

FORM 990 OTHER LIABILITIES STATEMENT 6

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
PAYROLL LIABILITIES	27581.
DEFERRED COMPENSATION	22787.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 65, COLUMN B	50368.

FORM 990

PART V - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,
TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES

STATEMENT 7

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
ROBERT RICHIE 7401 JACKSON AVENUE TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 40 PER WK	47003.	0.	0.
JOHN ANDERSON 3300 36TH ST., NE, #1016 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308	PRESIDENT/ CHAIR 2 PER WK	0.	0.	0.
MATHERW COSSOLOTTO 3481 WILDWOOD STREET YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY 10598	CO-VICE PRESIDENT 1 PER WK	0.	0.	0.
FAYE PARK FPIR / 1129 STATE STREET STANTA BARBARA, CA 93101	CO-VICE PRESIDENT 1 PER WK	0.	0.	0.
CYNTHIA TERRELL 7401 JACKSON AVENUE TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912	SECRETARY 3 PER WK	0.	0.	0.
WILLIAM REDPATH 12270 EXBURY STREET HERNDON, VA 20170	TREASURER 2 PER WK	0.	0.	0.
HENRIK HERTZBERG NEW YORKER MAGAZINE / 4 TIMES SQUARE NEW YORK, NY 10036	BOARD OF DIRECTORS .5 PER WK	0.	0.	0.
DAVID LESLIE 76 GARFIELD STREET, #3 CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	BOARD OF DIRECTORS .5 PER WK	0.	0.	0.
GEORGE PILLSBURY 40 EUSTIS STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140	BOARD OF DIRECTORS .5 PER WK	0.	0.	0.
EDWARD STILL 8345 FORRESTER BLVD. SPRINGFIELD, VA 22152	BOARD OF DIRECTORS .5 PER WK	0.	0.	0.

EDWARD STILL	BOARD OF DIRECTORS			
4545 CONN. AVE., NW, #929	0	0.	0.	0.
WASHINGTON, DC 20008				

TOTALS INCLUDED ON FORM 990, PART V	47003.	0.	0.
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FORM 990 IDENTIFICATION OF RELATED ORGANIZATIONS STATEMENT 8
PART VI, LINE 80B

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	EXEMPT	NONEXEMPT
THE CENTER FOR VOTING AND DEMOCRACY ACTION FUND	X	

SCHEDULE A OTHER INCOME STATEMENT 9

DESCRIPTION	2001 AMOUNT	2000 AMOUNT	1999 AMOUNT	1998 AMOUNT
GAIN ON SALE OF SEC.	0.	-416.	45.	0.
TOTAL TO SCHEDULE A, LINE 22	0.	-416.	45.	0.

Depreciation and Amortization 990
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions ▶ Attach to your tax return

Name(s) shown on return THE CENTER FOR VOTING AND DEMOCRACY	Business or activity to which this form relates FORM 990 PAGE 2	Identifying number 54-1635649
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Tangible Property Under Section 179 Note If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1 Maximum amount See instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	24000.
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	\$200,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6		
(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7 Listed property Enter amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2001 Form 4562	10	
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2003 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property Instead, use Part V

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election (see instructions)	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS) (see instructions)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

Section A

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2002	17	2347.
18 If you are electing under section 168(f)(4) to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2002 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5 year property		2094.	5 YRS.	HY	200DB	833.
c 7 year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20 year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property	/		27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
	/		27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs	MM	S/L	
	/			MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2002 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life						
b 12 year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year	/		40 yrs	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21 Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22 Total Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations see instr	22	3180.
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement)
Note For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable

Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution. See instructions for limits for passenger automobiles)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use							25	
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%				S/L		
		%				S/L		
		%				S/L		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1							28	
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

	(a) Vehicle		(b) Vehicle		(c) Vehicle		(d) Vehicle		(e) Vehicle		(f) Vehicle	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons.

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners.		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? Note If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.		

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2002 tax year					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2002 tax year					43
44 Total Add amounts in column (f). See instructions for where to report.					44

PART III, Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

A Public Education)

The Center continued to increase understanding of our electoral process through its reports, its speeches and presentations at events, and its regular newsletters and published commentaries

In September 2002, it released *Monopoly Politics*, its explanation of how most congressional election results are determined by the partisan tilt in districts. As with previous releases of this report, the report drew media attention and clearly contributed to understanding of the roots of non-competitiveness in congressional elections. Along similar lines, the Center also continued its major 50-state guide to redistricting, posting hundreds of articles about the process of redistricting in every state, how the process was conducted in the last cycle, reforms that have been debated and the degree of public access to the process. These reports have drawn praise both from those deeply involved in redistricting on a national level and individuals most interested in developments in their state. Together, these reports provides a foundation for further scrutiny in the years ahead of redistricting and ways to provide more choice to voters.

These reports are among those featured on our popular website, which is regularly updated with election information, timely and informative articles and our regular reports dealing with elections.

Rashad Robinson joined our staff to pursue outreach about full representation and voting rights. Robinson brought important insights and connections to our program, strengthened ties with groups like NAACP, Demos and Democracy South and advanced our partnership with the DKT Liberty Project. DKT funds a team of lawyers to track voting rights cases and, where appropriate, enter into the cases as interveners or amici on the remedy phase. Two amicus briefs have been filed in state legislative cases in North Carolina and Virginia, and in both cases Robinson developed multi-seat district plans that demonstrate how representation of racial minorities likely would increase sharply with full representation and found leaders of color to sign onto the briefs. With these resources in hand, it will be easier to enter into other cases in the future.

It has been another productive year for placing articles and commentaries in publications, for media coverage of our issues and for speaking engagements. Articles on full representation systems by our staff were featured in the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy* and the *National Civic Review*. Shorter commentaries in 2002 appeared in numerous print and on-line sources. Senior policy analyst Steven Hill's new book *Fixing Elections: The Failure of America's Winner Take All Politics* received glowing attention from influential readers and was featured on C-SPAN. Major media coverage of voting system reform continued to grow with articles on PR, IRV and fair redistricting in *Time Magazine*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and many other leading publications. CVD staff made presentations in 2002 at Stanford, Duke, Georgetown Law School, Nova Southeastern, SUNY-Albany, Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School, the University of California-Berkeley, University of Maryland and Washington College of Law and at a wide range of conferences. Steven Hill conducted a workshop on administering ranked ballot and cumulative voting elections for the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials Registrars.

Our efforts to ease concerns by election officials about administering cumulative voting and ranked ballot elections are bearing fruit, and all of the major voting equipment makers have announced their ability to accommodate these systems. In response to our testimony, the Federal Election Commission modified its new voting equipment standards to require voting equipment vendors to document whether and how their equipment can support the use of ranked ballots voting and cumulative voting. In San Jose (CA), the three biggest vendors demonstrated optical scan and touch screen solutions for ranked ballot elections, and growing numbers of Secretaries of State and local election officials are expressing either support for or an ability to handle alternative voting systems. We believe this reflects markets signals about the growing viability of alternative electoral systems.

In 2001, the Illinois Assembly on Political Representation and Alternative Electoral Systems released the executive summary of its examination of the effects of Illinois' change from cumulative voting to plurality voting in elections to the Illinois House of Representatives, calling for restoring cumulative voting for Illinois House elections. The Joyce Foundation provided support to our project to take the message of the IGPA report to more civic leaders in Illinois. Johnson-Weinberger addressed the Illinois Municipal League along with cities where local mayors have endorsed cumulative voting. A local option bill in the legislature that would allow more localities to adopt gained strong support.

b.) Voting Rights

To help enhance fair representation for racial minorities, in 2002 we invested resources to hire staffer Joleen Garcia in Texas to make sure cumulative voting works well in the more than 50 Texas localities that have adopted it and to assist other localities in considering its adoption. The biggest Texas city with it is Amarillo. A city of 160,000, Amarillo elected its school board with cumulative voting for the first time in May 2000. No candidate of color had been elected for more than two decades under winner-take-all rules, but cumulative voting resulted in the first black candidate ever to win, the first Latina candidate to win and a doubling of voter turnout. In May 2002, another Latina candidate was successful, again with cumulative voting playing an essential role, as she had to oust a white incumbent to win.

Garcia, a community organizer in San Antonio, started work as our Texas project director in January 2002. She established strong relationships with a range of organization and individuals active on electoral reform and minority voting rights in Texas. The influential organization Southwest Voter gave her office space, and she worked closely with organizers and litigators working with MALDEF and LULAC. She researched the results of cumulative voting in every jurisdiction using the system, and made contact with Latino and black leaders who have run for office or helped elect other candidates. She also translated some of the Center's education materials into Spanish. In Amarillo, her community education work, including drafting public service announcements on cumulative voting for Spanish language radio that likely contributed to the fact that Latino voters effectively used the new system.

C.) Instant Runoff Voting to Protect Voters' Rights

In March 2002, San Francisco became the first major American city to adopt instant runoff voting (IRV) to elect its leaders, with more than 60% of people of color supporting the change. Also in March, 56 Vermont town meetings considered an advisory question to use IRV for

electing statewide offices, and 53 voted yes, mostly by large margins. Backers of IRV in these campaigns included Vermont's governor and secretary of state, California's likely new secretary of state, Vermont's leading newspapers and local branches of the AFL-CIO, NOW, Democratic Party, Sierra Club, League of Women Voters, Common Cause, Grange and PIRG, along with representatives of seniors, tenants, people of color and GLBT community. Our organization's educational work was indispensable to the rise of interest in IRV in these jurisdictions. We had two staffers in San Francisco spending a significant amount of their time explaining and advocating instant runoff voting, and also raised money for the campaign. Our New England-based senior analyst worked full-time in Vermont for the months leading into the near-sweep of votes in town meetings.

Largely due to our materials and outreach, interest in IRV has only grown. Arkansas Secretary of State Sharon Priest recommended it for judicial elections in a report to the legislature. With our assistance, Vermont Secretary of State Deb Markowitz made a presentation on IRV, which is available on our website, to the National Association of Secretaries of State. Markowitz reported strong interest from her colleagues. The Vermont AFL-CIO formally endorsed IRV for statewide elections. Newspapers coming out formally for IRV include the *Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel*, *Juneau Empire*, *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*, *St. Petersburg Times* and *Trenton Times*. The Maine People's Alliance and Maine Citizenship Leadership Fund sought our assistance for developing the capacity to do sustained outreach on IRV to Maine. Antonio Gonzalez of the Willie C Velazquez Institute seeks to make IRV a key reform interest among Latinos. Nearly every runoff that takes place in the United States buttresses arguments for replacing runoffs with IRV.

D.) Ballot Services

Our Center provides full service consulting on all aspects of elections. We have worked with organizations that include large companies, small non-profit organizations and political parties. We are experts in all aspects of elections, including voting equipment, hardware, software, and procedures. Our services include:

- **General consulting and electoral design:** Our consultants will work with you to clarify the goals of your election, select an appropriate electoral system, choose balloting technologies and design any necessary voter education materials.
- **Referrals to technology providers:** We are knowledgeable about election technologies, including mail voting, phone voting, Internet voting and hybrid systems, and we can provide referrals and recommendations about vendors.
- **Total solutions:** We can assemble the necessary team to conduct all aspects of an election at any scale. Once you settle on the necessary parameters -- election design, voter list, balloting technology and budget -- we will conduct the entire election from start to finish, from voter education to certified election results.

We provided advice to various individuals and non-profits. We received significant compensation for these services when helping to structure and run elections for a major accounting firm.

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I and check this box
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form)
- Note: Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

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

Note: Form 990-T corporations requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only
 All other corporations (including Form 990-C filers) must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Partnerships, REMICs and trusts must use Form 8736 to request an extension of time to file Form 1065, 1066, or 1041

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization THE CENTER FOR VOTING AND DEMOCRACY	Employer identification number 54-1635649
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions P.O. BOX 60037	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions WASHINGTON, DC 20039	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

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|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041 A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

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

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 month, for 990-T corporation) extension of time until AUGUST 15, 2003 to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for calendar year 2002 or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ _____

b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit \$ _____

c **Balance Due** Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions \$ _____ N/A

Signature and Verification

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

Signature ▶ [Handwritten Signature] Title ▶ CIA at taxpayer request Date ▶ 5/17/2003
 LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instruction Form 8868 (12-2000)

SCHEDULE A - Initial Taxes on Self-Dealing (Section 4941)

Part I Acts of Self-Dealing and Tax Computation		
(a) Act number	(b) Date of act	(c) Description of act
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
(d) Question number from Form 990-PF, Part VII-B, or Form 5227, Part VI-B applicable to the act	(e) Amount involved in act	(f) Initial tax on self-dealing (5% of col (e))

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Self-Dealers and Proration of Payments			
(a) Names of self-dealers liable for tax	(b) Act no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (f), or prorated amount	(d) Self-dealer's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 4 of the instructions)

Part III Summary of Tax Liability of Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments			
(a) Names of foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Act no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (g), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 4 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE B - Initial Tax on Undistributed Income (Section 4942)

1	Undistributed income for years before 2001 (from Form 990-PF for 2002, Part XIII, line 6d)	1	
2	Undistributed income for 2001 (from Form 990-PF for 2002, Part XIII, line 6e)	2	
3	Total undistributed income at end of current tax year beginning in 2002 and subject to tax under section 4942 (add lines 1 and 2)	3	
4	Tax - Enter 15% of line 3 here and on page 1, Part I, line 1	4	

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SCHEDULE C - Initial Tax on Excess Business Holdings (Section 4943)

Business Holdings and Computation of Tax

If you have taxable excess holdings in more than one business enterprise, attach a separate schedule for each enterprise. Refer to the instructions on page 4 for each line item before making any entries.

Name and address of business enterprise

Employer identification number

Form of enterprise (corporation, partnership, trust, joint venture, sole proprietorship, etc.)

	(a) Voting stock (profits interest or beneficial interest)	(b) Value	(c) Nonvoting stock (capital interest)
1 Foundation holdings in business enterprise	1		
2 Permitted holdings in business enterprise	2		
3 Value of excess holdings in business enterprise	3		
4 Value of excess holdings disposed of within 90 days, or, other value of excess holdings not subject to section 4943 tax (attach explanation)	4		
5 Taxable excess holdings in business enterprise - line 3 minus line 4	5		
6 Tax - Enter 5% of line 5	6		
7 Total tax - Add amounts on line 6, columns (a), (b), and (c), enter total here and on page 1, Part I, line 2	7		

SCHEDULE D - Initial Taxes on Investments That Jeopardize Charitable Purpose (Section 4944)

Part I Investments and Tax Computation

(a) Investment number	(b) Date of investment	(c) Description of investment	(d) Amount of investment	(e) Initial tax on foundation (5% of col (d))	(f) Initial tax on foundation managers (if applicable) - (lesser of \$5,000 or 5% of col (d))
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Total - column (a) Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 3

Total - column (f) Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments

(a) Names of foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Investment no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 6 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE E - Initial Taxes on Taxable Expenditures (Section 4945)

Part I Expenditures and Computation of Tax				
(a) Item number	(b) Amount	(c) Date paid or incurred	(d) Name and address of recipient	(e) Description of expenditure and purposes for which made
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
(f) Question number from Form 990-PF, Part VII-B, or Form 5227, Part VI-B, applicable to the expenditure			(g) Initial tax imposed on foundation (10% of col (b))	(h) Initial tax imposed on foundation managers (if applicable)-(lesser of \$5,000 or 2½% of col (b))
Total - column (g) Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 4				
Total - column (h) Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below				

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments			
(a) Names of foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Item no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (h), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 7 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE F - Initial Taxes on Political Expenditures (Section 4955)

Part I Expenditures and Computation of Tax					
(a) Item number	(b) Amount	(c) Date paid or incurred	(d) Description of political expenditure	(e) Initial tax imposed on organization or foundation (10% of col (b))	(f) Initial tax imposed on managers (if applicable) (lesser of \$5,000 or 2½% of col (b))
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Total - column (e) Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 5					
Total - column (f) Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below					

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Organization Managers or Foundation Managers and Proration of Payments			
(a) Names of organization managers or foundation managers liable for tax	(b) Item no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 7 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE G - Tax on Excess Lobbying Expenditures (Section 4911)

1	Excess of grassroots expenditures over grassroots nontaxable amount (from Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part VI-A, column (b), line 43) (See page 7 of the instructions before making entry)	1	388.
2	Excess of lobbying expenditures over lobbying nontaxable amount (from Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part VI-A, column (b), line 44) (See page 7 of the instructions before making entry)	2	
3	Taxable lobbying expenditures - enter the larger of line 1 or line 2	3	388.
4	Tax - Enter 25% of line 3 here and on page 1, Part I, line 6	4	97.

SCHEDULE H - Taxes on Disqualifying Lobbying Expenditures (Section 4912)

Part I Expenditures and Computation of Tax					
(a) Item number	(b) Amount	(c) Date paid or incurred	(d) Description of lobbying expenditures	(e) Tax imposed on organization (5% of col (b))	(f) Tax imposed on organization managers (if applicable)- (5% of col (b))
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Total - column (e) Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7					
Total - column (f) Enter total (or prorated amount) here and in Part II, column (c), below					

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Organization Managers and Proration of Payments			
(a) Names of organization managers liable for tax	(b) Item no from Part I, col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (f), or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 7 of the instructions)

SCHEDULE I - Initial Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions (Section 4958)

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions and Tax Computation		
(a) Transaction number	(b) Date of transaction	(c) Description of transaction
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
(d) Amount of excess benefit	(e) Initial tax on disqualified persons (25% of col (d))	(f) Tax on organization managers (if applicable) (lesser of \$10,000 or 10% of col (d))

SCHEDULE I - Initial Taxes on Excess Benefit Transactions (Section 4958) Continued

Part II Summary of Tax Liability of Disqualified Persons and Proration of Payments			
(a) Names of disqualified persons liable for tax	(b) Trans no from Part I col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I col (e), or prorated amount	(d) Disqualified person's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 8 of the instructions)

Part III Summary of Tax Liability of 501(c)(3) & (4) Organization Managers and Proration of Payments			
(a) Names of 501(c)(3) & (4) organization managers liable for tax	(b) Trans no from Part I col (a)	(c) Tax from Part I, col (f) or prorated amount	(d) Manager's total tax liability (add amounts in col (c)) (see page 8 of the instructions)

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

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of officer or trustee

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Title

8/14/03
Date

Signature (and organization name if applicable) of self-dealer, disqualified person, foundation manager or organization manager _____ Date _____

Signature (and organization name if applicable) of self-dealer, disqualified person, foundation manager or organization manager _____ Date _____

Signature (and organization name if applicable) of self-dealer, disqualified person, foundation manager, or organization manager _____ Date _____

Signature (and organization name if applicable) of self-dealer, disqualified person, foundation manager, or organization manager _____ Date _____

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of individual or firm preparing the return

8/13/2003
Date

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Phone no of preparer _____

Address of preparer

Return of Certain Excise Taxes on Charities and Other Persons Under Chapters 41 and 42 of the Internal Revenue Code

2002

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

(Sections 170(f)(10), 4911, 4912, 4941, 4942, 4943, 4944, 4945, 4955, and 4958)
▶ See separate instructions

For calendar year 2002 or other tax year beginning _____, 2002, and ending _____

Name of foundation or public charity: **THE CENTER FOR VOTING AND DEMOCRACY**

Employer identification number: **54-1635649**

Number, street, and room or suite no. (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address): **P.O. BOX 60037**

City or town, state, and ZIP code: **WASHINGTON, DC 20039**

Check box for type of annual return:
 Form 990 Form 990EZ
 Form 990-PF
 Form 5227

A Is the organization a foreign private foundation within the meaning of section 4948(b)? Yes No

B Has corrective action been taken on any taxable event that resulted in Chapter 42 taxes being reported on this form? (Enter "N/A" if not applicable) N/A

If "Yes," attach a detailed documentation and description of the corrective action taken and, if applicable, enter the fair market value of any property recovered as a result of the correction ▶ \$ _____ If "No," (i.e., any uncorrected acts, or transactions), attach an explanation (see page 3 of the instructions)

Part I Taxes on Organization (Sections 170(f)(10), 4911(a), 4912(a), 4942(a), 4943(a), 4944(a)(1), 4945(a)(1), and 4955(a)(1))

1	Tax on undistributed income - Schedule B, line 4	1
2	Tax on excess business holdings - Schedule C, line 7	2
3	Tax on investments that jeopardize charitable purpose - Schedule D, Part I, column (e)	3
4	Tax on taxable expenditures - Schedule E, Part I, column (g)	4
5	Tax on political expenditures - Schedule F, Part I, column (e)	5
6	Tax on excess lobbying expenditures - Schedule G, line 4	6
7	Tax on disqualifying lobbying expenditures - Schedule H, Part I, column (e)	7
8	Tax on premiums paid on personal benefit contracts	8
9	Total (add lines 1 - 8)	97.

Part II-A Taxes on Self-Dealers, Disqualified Persons, Foundation Managers, and Organization Managers (Sections 4912(b), 4941(a), 4944(a)(2), 4945(a)(2), 4955(a)(2), and 4958(a))

(a) Name and address of person subject to tax				(b) Taxpayer identification number
a				
b				
c				
d				
(c) Tax on self-dealing - Schedule A, Part II, col (d), and Part III, col (d)	(d) Tax on investments that jeopardize charitable purpose - Schedule D, Part II, col (d)	(e) Tax on taxable expenditures - Schedule E, Part II, col (d)	(f) Tax on political expenditures - Schedule F, Part II, col (d)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
Total				
(g) Tax on disqualifying lobbying expenditures - Schedule H, Part II, col (d)		(h) Tax on excess benefit transactions - Schedule I, Part II, col (d), and Part III col (d)	(i) Total - Add cols (c) through (h)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
Total				

Part II-B Summary of Taxes (See Tax Payments on page 2 of the instructions)

1	Enter the taxes listed in Part II-A, column (i), that apply to self-dealers, disqualified persons, foundation managers, and organization managers who sign this form. If all sign, enter the total amount from Part II-A, column (i)	1
2	Total tax. Add Part I, line 9, and Part II-B, line 1 (Make check(s) or money order(s) payable to the United States Treasury)	97.