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Form 990	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax		OMB No. 1545-0047
	Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) ▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.		2022 Open to Public Inspection
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service			

A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2022 , and ending 12-31-2022

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT		D Employer identification number 81-2276219	
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (877) 942-5399	
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 1,926,380	
	4100 KANAB CANYON ROAD			
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code KANAB, UT 84741		F Name and address of principal officer: LORI MARINO PHD 4100 KANAB CANYON ROAD KANAB, UT 84741		
I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. See instructions. H(c) Group exemption number ▶		
J Website: ▶ WHALESANCTUARYPROJECT.ORG		L Year of formation: 2016		
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶		M State of legal domicile: DC		

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO ESTABLISH A MODEL SEASIDE SANCTUARY WHERE CETACEANS (WHALES AND DOLPHINS) CAN BE REHABILITATED OR CAN LIVE PERMANENTLY IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT MAXIMIZES WELL-BEING AND AUTONOMY AND IS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.		
	2 Check this box ☐		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	4
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	3
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a)	5	2
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	-294
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11		7b	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,540,241	1,925,191
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	-9	1,189
	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)	1,540,232	1,926,380
	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)		222,032	213,307
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 44,693			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		569,618	1,421,485
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		791,650	1,634,792
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		748,582	291,588
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,583,403	1,921,660
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	177,547	224,216
		1,405,856	1,697,444

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

2023-07-28

Date

LORI MARINO PHD PRESIDENT AND CHAIR

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

2023-07-30

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

P00298937

Firm's name

BERTI SPECHLER SARMIENTO MCKAY & CO LLP

Firm's EIN

77-0048636

Firm's address

1933 CLIFF DR STE 26

Phone no. (805) 963-0571

SANTA BARBARA, CA 931091591

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

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

1

Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO ESTABLISH A MODEL SEASIDE SANCTUARY WHERE CETACEANS (WHALES AND DOLPHINS) CAN BE REHABILITATED OR CAN LIVE PERMANENTLY IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT MAXIMIZES WELL-BEING AND AUTONOMY AND IS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,407,297 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

PROGRESS AT THE SANCTUARY SITE: ENGINEERING WORK, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND PERMITS, FUNDRAISING FOR CAPITAL COSTS, POTENTIAL WHALE CANDIDATES FOR THE SANCTUARY AND TIMELINE GOING FORWARD; PROGRESS AT THE SANCTUARY SITE STUDIES ON LAND, SEABED AND WATER: WITH THE HELP OF OUR NEW WORK BOAT, WE COMPLETED A TWO-YEAR STUDY OF TIDAL FLOWS, WATER PRESSURE AND CHEMISTRY, TEMPERATURE GRADIENTS AND OTHER CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS WORK ON POSITIONING THE ANCHORING STRUCTURE AND THE PERIMETER NET. THIS NET WILL ENCLOSE THE 100-PLUS ACRES WHERE THE WHALES WILL LIVE. NOT ONLY HAVE THESE GIVEN US A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE WHALES AND THE SANCTUARY INFRASTRUCTURE, THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED FOR PERMITTING. OUR FOCUS OF STUDY INCLUDED THE LAND AND THE SEABED TO UNDERSTAND THE SOIL AND ROCK AND DETERMINE HOW BEST TO ANCHOR THE NETS THAT WILL SURROUND THE SANCTUARY WATERS. ON THE SEABED, THIS DATA HELPS US TO KNOW WHERE BEST TO PLACE THE NET ANCHORS SO THE PERIMETER NET WILL BE STABLE IN THE TIDAL FLOW AND IN CURRENTS OF EVERY KIND. AND ON THE LAND, WE NEED TO PLAN THE OPTIMUM LOCATIONS FOR FOUNDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS REQUIRED TAKING SAMPLES OF THE EARTH TO MEASURE THE DEPTH OF EACH LAYER AND OF THE WATER TABLE. LOCAL GEO-TECHNICAL ENGINEERS WORKED WITH OUR NET SYSTEMS DESIGNERS TO ALIGN THE NET SYSTEMS DESIGN WITH LOCAL CONDITIONS BASED ON OUR HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL OF THE CURRENTS, WATER LEVELS, SEDIMENT TRANSPORT AND SALINITY OF THE BAY. THESE STUDIES ALSO PROVIDED THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES & OCEANS ON HOW OUR NET ANCHORING SYSTEM WILL INTERFACE WITH THE SUBSURFACE SEDIMENT, KNOWN AS THE BENTHIC ZONE. OFFER OF LEASE WE RECEIVED THE OFFER OF LEASE FOR SANCTUARY WATERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND RENEWABLES. THE OFFER OF LEASE MAKES AVAILABLE TO THE SANCTUARY A TOTAL WATER SPACE OF 205 ACRES. THIS INCLUDES 100-PLUS ACRES FOR THE WHALES, BARACHOIS ISLAND (THE SMALL ISLAND JUST OFF THE SHORE, WHERE ONE END OF THE PERIMETER NET WILL BE ANCHORED), A SECURITY ZONE AROUND THE SANCTUARY, AND THE SPACE NEEDED FOR THE ANCHORING SYSTEM. INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILDINGS WORK PROCEEDED ON INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (WATER, POWER, INTERNET, ETC.) AND ON DESIGN DEVELOPMENT FOR KEY SANCTUARY BUILDINGS: VETERINARY SERVICES, ANIMAL CARE, MARINE OPERATIONS, NET AND SITE MAINTENANCE, SECURITY, AND ADMINISTRATION. FIRST NATIONS CONSULTATION THE SANCTUARY IS LOCATED IN THE ANCESTRAL AND UNCEDED TERRITORY OF THE MI'KMAQ PEOPLE AND WE CONTINUED OUR PROPOSEN PARTICIPATION IN THE NATION- TO-NATION CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE TRIBAL LEADERSHIP AND MI'KMAQ BANDS. FORMAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ABOUT THE SANCTUARY PROJECT WAS INITIATED BY THE NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF 2021, AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE COOPERATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF MI'KMAQ ELDERS AND AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT 2022 AS THEY CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS AT THAT LEVEL. FUNDRAISING WE COMPLETED THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF SANCTUARY LANDS AND WE RECEIVED A GENEROUS COMMITMENT OF 5 MILLION TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANCTUARY BUILDINGS, THE STATE-OF-THE-ART PERIMETER NET THAT WILL SURROUND THE SANCTUARY WATERS, AND THE SANCTUARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING POWER, WATER AND INTERNET. SANCTUARY CERTIFICATION WE WORKED WITH THE GLOBAL FEDERATION OF ANIMAL SANCTUARIES TO CREATE ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES FOR CETACEAN SANCTUARIES. THESE WILL SERVE AS A CHECKLIST FOR FUTURE SANCTUARIES AND WILL HAVE THE ADDED BENEFIT OF HELPING PEOPLE TO DISTINGUISH AUTHENTIC SANCTUARIES FROM ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES. THIS WORK IS A COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE AND SEA LIFE TRUST. OUR CURRENT WHALE AID PROGRAM WHALE AID TOKITAE IN MAY 2022, THE MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY , THE NEW OWNERS OF THE MIAMI SEAQUARIUM, AND FRIENDS OF TOKI, ANNOUNCED AN AGREEMENT BY WHICH A TEAM OF INDEPENDENT VETERINARIANS WOULD CONDUCT COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATIONS OF THE ORCA TOKITAE (BETTER KNOWN BY HER "STAGE" NAME LOLITA) L.AND PUBLICLY REPORT ON HER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT HAD WORKED WITH SACRED LANDS CONSERVANCY, AN INDIGENOUS-LED NON-PROFIT, TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF TOKITAE FROM HER CURRENT POOL AT THE MIAMI SEAQUARIUM TO AN OCEAN-BASED HABITAT IN THE SALISH SEA. AND THROUGH THE REST OF 2022, MEMBERS OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT TEAM, INCLUDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHARLES VINICK, BUILT UPON THE PREVIOUS WORK WITH SACRED LANDS CONSERVANCY TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND EXPERTISE TO FRIENDS OF TOKI. CHARLES VINICK ALSO SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBER OF FRIENDS OF TOKITAE. FUNDING FOR THIS WORK, INCLUDING STAFF TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT, WAS FULLY SUPPORTED BY DONATIONS TO WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT BY FRIENDS OF TOKITAE'S CO-FOUNDER, ENVIRONMENTALIST PRITAM SINGH. IN ADDITION TO THE EXPENSES ABOVE THERE WERE DONATED SERVICES OF 5,858.83.

4b

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 109,567 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY 2022, 4TH-GRADE STUDENTS AT SCHLUTER ELEMENTARY IN HASLET, TEXAS, PRESENTED A REMARKABLE ART SHOW ENTITLED "SHOWCASE ART NOT WHALES AND DOLPHINS." THE PRESENTATION WAS PART OF AN ONGOING PROGRAM ON THE PART OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT TO TEACH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ABOUT THE COMPLEX INTELLIGENCE, COGNITIVE ABILITIES AND EXTENSIVE EMOTIONS OF WHALES AND DOLPHINS. THE STUDENTS' PRESENTATION LED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CURRICULUM - "WILD FOR WHALES" - BY ONE OF THE TEACHERS, WHO HAS MADE IT AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. OUR EDUCATION PROGRAM INCLUDED TALKS TO STUDENTS OF ALL AGES AT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. WE ALSO CONDUCTED WEBINARS WITH WHALE EXPERTS, PHILOSOPHERS, ARTISTS AND EDUCATORS ON TOPICS THAT EXPLORED HOW, LIKE US HUMANS, CETACEANS ARE SELF-AWARE BEINGS WHO SHARE STRONG EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL BONDS AND LIVE ACCORDING TO CULTURAL TRADITIONS.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions. 	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 		No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 		No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. 	Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 		No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 		No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 		No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete		

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

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)		Yes	No	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		22	No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		23	No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		24a	No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		24b	
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		24c	
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		24d	
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		25a	No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		25b	No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		26	No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		27	No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		28a	No
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		28b	No
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		28c	No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		29	No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		30	No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule M, Part I			

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

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9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**a** Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?**9a****b** Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?**9b****10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:**a** Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12**10a****b** Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities**10b****11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:**a** Gross income from members or shareholders**11a****b** Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)**11b****12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?**12a****b** If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.**12b****13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.****a** Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?**13a****Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.**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**13b****c** Enter the amount of reserves on hand**13c****14a** Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?**14a**

No

b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O**14b****15** Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?
If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.**15**

No

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.**16**

No

17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953?
If "Yes," complete Form 6069.**17**

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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****1a** Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year**1a**

4

If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.

b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent**1b**

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2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?**2**

No

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?**3**

No

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?**4**

No

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?**5**

No

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?**6**

No

7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?**7a**

No

b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?**7b**

No

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:**a** The governing body?**8a**

Yes

b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?**8b**

Yes

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**9**

No

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

Yes

No

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

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 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain 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:
 ▶ DAVID ARTHURS CFO 101 E VICTORIA SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101 (805) 845-7575

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Page **7****Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			

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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 ► 1		Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3		No
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4		No
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5		No

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	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 ►		

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

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Program Service Revenue							
f All other program service revenue.							
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f. ▶							
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		1,189		-294	1,483	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶						
	5 Royalties ▶						
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a Gross rents	6a					
	b Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶						
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a					
	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	Gain or (loss)	7c					
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶						
	a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		8a				
	b Less: direct expenses		8b				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶							
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 ▶							
11a		Business Code					
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶							
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶		1,926,380		-294	1,483		

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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	198,000	162,000	16,200	19,800
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	15,307	10,885	2,885	1,537
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	120,546	105,809	14,737	
c Accounting	27,330		27,330	
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)	588,717	569,678	5,539	13,500
12 Advertising and promotion	40,226	37,894		2,332
13 Office expenses	10,498	5,185	969	4,344
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	58,342	58,014	28	300
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	2,052		2,052	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	92,989	92,989		
23 Insurance	3,124	1,285	1,839	
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 VETERINARY SCIENCE - 510	401,560	401,560		
b FIELD OPERATIONS - 570	56,660	56,660		
c MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT	9,060	9,053		7
d WEBSITE DESIGN MGMT - 554	7,046	5,410	1,636	
e All other expenses	3,335	442	20	2,873
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,634,792	1,516,864	73,235	44,693

26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.
Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).

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Page **11**Part X **Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	1,582,828	1	1,921,660
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	575	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	92,989		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	92,989	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)	1,583,403	16	1,921,660	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,647	17	79,672
	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	149,900	25	144,544
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	177,547	26	224,216
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	1,405,856	27	1,697,444
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ 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	1,405,856	32	1,697,444
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,583,403	33	1,921,660	

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,926,380
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,634,792
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	291,588
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	1,405,856
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	1,697,444

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

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

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Public Charity Status and Public Support Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.		OMB No. 1545-0047 2022 Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____

10 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.

a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III.
If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support
Calendar year _____

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	889,304	1,052,310	464,517	1,540,241	1,925,191	5,871,563
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . .						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	889,304	1,052,310	464,517	1,540,241	1,925,191	5,871,563
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						5,871,563

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. . .	889,304	1,052,310	464,517	1,540,241	1,925,191	5,871,563
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . .						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. .					189	189
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). . .						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						5,871,752
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ☒						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2022. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ☐		

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . .						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid						

organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . .						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b. . . .						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6. . . .						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . . .						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. ► ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2022 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests-2022. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐		
b 33 1/3% support tests-2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐		

Schedule A (Form 990) 2022**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
1		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
2		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
3a		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
3b		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes?		

ii Yes, explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.

- 4a** Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.
- b** Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.
- c** Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.
- 5a** Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in **Part VI**, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).
- b Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?
- c Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?
- 6** Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- 7** Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .
- 8** Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 9a** Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- b** Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- c** Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- 10a** Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.
- b** Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).

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Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of		

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

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Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**):

a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.

b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.

c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**

	Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
2a		
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI .		
3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		
3b		

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	1		
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors			

(explain in detail in Part VI):			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year	
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI)	5	
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	6	
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions	8	
9	Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6	9	
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	
Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2022	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2022
1 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2022 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022:			
a From 2017.			
b From 2018.			
c From 2019.			
d From 2020.			
e From 2021.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2017 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2022 from Section D, line 7:			
\$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2022 distributable amount			

c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2022, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2022. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2023. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2018.			
b Excess from 2019.			
c Excess from 2020.			
d Excess from 2021.			
e Excess from 2022.			

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

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Schedule B (Form 990) 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 2022
Name of the organization THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT			Employer identification number 81-2276219

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

- ☐ 501(c)() (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 $\frac{1}{3}$ % 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****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
RESTRICTED		\$ RESTRICTED	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
-		\$	☐ Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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(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
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	(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

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

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

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

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

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

- a** ☐ Public exhibition **d** ☐ Loan or exchange programs
- b** ☐ Scholarly research **e** ☐ Other
- c** ☐ Preservation for future generations

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

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

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

	Amount
1c Beginning balance	
1d Additions during the year	
1e Distributions during the year	
1f Ending balance	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

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

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b** Permanent endowment ▶
- c** Term endowment ▶

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

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

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

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

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

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		92,989	92,989	

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

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Page **3****Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

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

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

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THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT

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FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION MISSION	TO ESTABLISH A MODEL SEASIDE SANCTUARY WHERE CETACEANS (WHALES AND DOLPHINS) CAN BE REHABILITATED OR CAN LIVE PERMANENTLY IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT MAXIMIZES WELL-BEING AND AUTONOMY AND IS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	PROGRESS AT THE SANCTUARY SITE: ENGINEERING WORK, INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND PERMITS, FUNDRAISING FOR CAPITAL COSTS, POTENTIAL WHALE CANDIDATES FOR THE SANCTUARY AND TIMELINE GOING FORWARD; PROGRESS AT THE SANCTUARY SITE STUDIES ON LAND, SEABED AND WATER: WITH THE HELP OF OUR NEW WORK BOAT, WE COMPLETED A TWO-YEAR STUDY OF TIDAL FLOWS, WATER PRESSURE AND CHEMISTRY, TEMPERATURE GRADIENTS AND OTHER CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS WORK ON POSITIONING THE ANCHORING STRUCTURE AND THE PERIMETER NET. THIS NET WILL ENCLOSE THE 100-PLUS ACRES WHERE THE WHALES WILL LIVE. NOT ONLY HAVE THESE GIVEN US A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE WHALES AND THE SANCTUARY INFRASTRUCTURE, THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED FOR PERMITTING. OUR FOCUS OF STUDY INCLUDED THE LAND AND THE SEABED TO UNDERSTAND THE SOIL AND ROCK AND DETERMINE HOW BEST TO ANCHOR THE NETS THAT WILL SURROUND THE SANCTUARY WATERS. ON THE SEABED, THIS DATA HELPS US TO KNOW WHERE BEST TO PLACE THE NET ANCHORS SO THE PERIMETER NET WILL BE STABLE IN THE TIDAL FLOW AND IN CURRENTS OF EVERY KIND. AND ON THE LAND, WE NEED TO PLAN THE OPTIMUM LOCATIONS FOR FOUNDATIONS FOR THE BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS REQUIRED TAKING SAMPLES OF THE EARTH TO MEASURE THE DEPTH OF EACH LAYER AND OF THE WATER TABLE. LOCAL GEO-TECHNICAL ENGINEERS WORKED WITH OUR NET SYSTEMS DESIGNERS TO ALIGN THE NET SYSTEMS DESIGN WITH LOCAL CONDITIONS BASED ON OUR HYDRODYNAMIC MODEL OF THE CURRENTS, WATER LEVELS, SEDIMENT TRANSPORT AND SALINITY OF THE BAY. THESE STUDIES ALSO PROVIDED THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES & OCEANS ON HOW OUR NET ANCHORING SYSTEM WILL INTERFACE WITH THE SUBSURFACE SEDIMENT, KNOWN AS THE BENTHIC ZONE. OFFER OF LEASE WE RECEIVED THE OFFER OF LEASE FOR SANCTUARY WATERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND RENEWABLES. THE OFFER OF LEASE MAKES AVAILABLE TO THE SANCTUARY A TOTAL WATER SPACE OF 205 ACRES. THIS INCLUDES 100-PLUS ACRES FOR THE WHALES, BARACHOIS ISLAND (THE SMALL ISLAND JUST OFF THE SHORE, WHERE ONE END OF THE PERIMETER NET WILL BE ANCHORED), A SECURITY ZONE AROUND THE SANCTUARY, AND THE SPACE NEEDED FOR THE ANCHORING SYSTEM. INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILDINGS WORK PROCEEDED ON INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (WATER, POWER, INTERNET, ETC.) AND ON DESIGN DEVELOPMENT FOR KEY SANCTUARY BUILDINGS: VETERINARY SERVICES, ANIMAL CARE, MARINE OPERATIONS, NET AND SITE MAINTENANCE, SECURITY, AND ADMINISTRATION. FIRST NATIONS CONSULTATION THE SANCTUARY IS LOCATED IN THE ANCESTRAL AND UNCEDED TERRITORY OF THE MI'KMAQ PEOPLE AND WE CONTINUED OUR PROPONENT PARTICIPATION IN THE NATION- TO-NATION CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE TRIBAL LEADERSHIP AND MI'KMAQ BANDS. FORMAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ABOUT THE SANCTUARY PROJECT WAS INITIATED BY THE NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF 2021, AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATED THE COOPERATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF MI'KMAQ ELDERS AND AUTHORITIES THROUGHOUT 2022 AS THEY CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS AT THAT LEVEL. FUNDRAISING WE COMPLETED THE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF SANCTUARY LANDS AND WE RECEIVED A GENEROUS COMMITMENT OF 5 MILLION TOWARD CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANCTUARY BUILDINGS, THE STATE-OF-THE-ART PERIMETER NET THAT WILL SURROUND THE SANCTUARY WATERS, AND THE SANCTUARY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING POWER, WATER AND INTERNET. SANCTUARY CERTIFICATION WE WORKED WITH THE GLOBAL FEDERATION OF ANIMAL SANCTUARIES TO CREATE ACCREDITATION GUIDELINES FOR CETACEAN SANCTUARIES. THESE WILL SERVE AS A CHECKLIST FOR FUTURE SANCTUARIES AND WILL HAVE THE ADDED BENEFIT OF HELPING PEOPLE TO DISTINGUISH AUTHENTIC SANCTUARIES FROM ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES. THIS WORK IS A COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE AND SEA LIFE TRUST. OUR CURRENT WHALE AID PROGRAM WHALE AID TOKITAE IN MAY 2022, THE MAYOR OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE NEW OWNERS OF THE MIAMI SEAQUARIUM, AND FRIENDS OF TOKI, ANNOUNCED AN AGREEMENT BY WHICH A TEAM OF INDEPENDENT VETERINARIANS WOULD CONDUCT COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATIONS OF THE ORCA TOKITAE (BETTER KNOWN BY HER "STAGE" NAME LOLITA) LAND PUBLICLY REPORT ON HER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT HAD WORKED WITH SACRED LANDS CONSERVANCY, AN INDIGENOUS-LED NON-PROFIT, TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF TOKITAE FROM HER CURRENT POOL AT THE MIAMI SEAQUARIUM TO AN OCEAN-BASED HABITAT IN THE SALISH SEA. AND THROUGH THE REST OF 2022, MEMBERS OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT TEAM, INCLUDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHARLES VINICK, BUILT UPON THE PREVIOUS WORK WITH SACRED LANDS CONSERVANCY TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND EXPERTISE TO FRIENDS OF TOKI. CHARLES VINICK ALSO SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBER OF FRIENDS OF TOKITAE. FUNDING FOR THIS WORK, INCLUDING STAFF TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT, WAS FULLY SUPPORTED BY DONATIONS TO WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT BY FRIENDS OF TOKITAE'S CO-FOUNDER, ENVIRONMENTALIST PRITAM SINGH. IN ADDITION TO THE EXPENSES ABOVE THERE WERE DONATED SERVICES OF 5,858.83.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4B	OUTREACH AND EDUCATION IN FEBRUARY 2022, 4TH-GRADE STUDENTS AT SCHLUTER ELEMENTARY IN HASLET, TEXAS, PRESENTED A REMARKABLE ART SHOW ENTITLED "SHOWCASE ART NOT WHALES AND DOLPHINS." THE PRESENTATION WAS PART OF AN ONGOING PROGRAM ON THE PART OF THE WHALE SANCTUARY PROJECT TO TEACH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ABOUT THE COMPLEX INTELLIGENCE, COGNITIVE ABILITIES AND EXTENSIVE EMOTIONS OF WHALES AND DOLPHINS. THE STUDENTS' PRESENTATION LED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CURRICULUM - "WILD FOR WHALES" - BY ONE OF THE TEACHERS, WHO HAS MADE IT AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED

	STATES AND CANADA. OUR EDUCATION PROGRAM INCLUDED TALKS TO STUDENTS OF ALL AGES AT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. WE ALSO CONDUCTED WEBINARS WITH WHALE EXPERTS, PHILOSOPHERS, ARTISTS AND EDUCATORS ON TOPICS THAT EXPLORED HOW, LIKE US HUMANS, CETACEANS ARE SELF-AWARE BEINGS WHO SHARE STRONG EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL BONDS AND LIVE ACCORDING TO CULTURAL TRADITIONS.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE CPA, SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT, AND REVIEWED BY THE BOARD PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AS THEY OCCUR; THROUGH THE BOARD'S SMALL SIZE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS, ANY SUCH CONFLICTS ARE QUICKLY RECOGNIZED AND RESOLVED.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONS PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARE BASED ON REVIEW OF COMPARABLE DATA AND CONTEMPORANEOUS SUBSTANTIATION OF THE DELIBERATION AND DECISION.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	CONSULTING - OTHER 569,678 2,170 13,500 PAYROLL SERVICE FEES 0 3,369 0 TOTAL 569,678 5,539 13,500

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