THE CENTER FOR COMPETITIVE POLITICS (a not-for-profit organization) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION **December 31, 2015** (with summarized comparative information for December 31, 2014)



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors
The Center for Competitive Politics
Alexandria, Virginia

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Center for Competitive Politics (the Center), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Center as of December 31, 2015, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

Remer and Company, CPA, P.C.

We have previously audited the Center's 2014 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated July 28, 2015. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of functional expenses for the year ended December 31, 2015 with summarized comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014 on page 16 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Alexandria, Virginia September 14, 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2015 (with comparative information as of December 31, 2014)

ASSETS

	2015	2014
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 2,479,448	\$ 2,110,386
Accounts receivable	146	653
Prepaid expenses	19,048	14,845
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,498,642	2,125,884
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, at cost		
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	105,921	103,325
Leasehold improvements	80,709	80,709
Software	16,031	16,031
Equipment under capital lease	17,498	17,498
Accumulated depreciation	(206,141)	(201,855)
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	14,018	15,708
OTHER ASSETS		
Website development, net of accumulated amortization	-	-
Security deposit	200	200
Escrow	(2,551)	(3,401)
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	(2,351)	(3,201)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,510,309	\$ 2,138,391

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2015
(with comparative information as of December 31, 2014)

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	2015		 2014
CURRENT LIABILITIES			 _
Accounts payable	\$	50,632	\$ 33,815
Accrued expenses		42,618	43,202
Deferred rent		-	732
Capital lease obligation		3,478	 3,318
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		96,728	 81,067
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			
Capital lease obligation, net of current portion		7,795	 11,273
TOTAL LIABILITIES		104,523	92,340
NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted		2,304,843	1,940,812
Temporarily restricted		100,943	105,239
TOTAL NET ASSETS		2,405,786	2,046,051
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	2,510,309	\$ 2,138,391

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended December 31, 2015 (with summarized comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

		Temporarily		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2014
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
Contributions	\$ 1,949,486	\$ -	\$ 1,949,486	\$ 1,948,931
Special events	70,300	-	70,300	-
Attorney's fees	-	-	-	300
Donated services	88,569	-	88,569	72,550
Miscellaneous	1,385	-	1,385	1,667
Interest income	101	-	101	108
Net assets released from restrictions	4,296	(4,296)		
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,114,137	(4,296)	2,109,841	2,023,556
EXPENSES				
Program services	1,479,693	-	1,479,693	1,273,276
Management and general	49,110	-	49,110	106,605
Development	221,303		221,303	187,834
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,750,106		1,750,106	1,567,715
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	364,031	(4,296)	359,735	455,841
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	1,940,812	105,239	2,046,051	1,590,210
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 2,304,843	\$ 100,943	\$ 2,405,786	\$ 2,046,051

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year ended December 31, 2015 (with comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

	2015			2014		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash received from operations						
Contributions Interest income	\$	2,110,247 101	\$	2,022,833 108		
Total cash received from operations		2,110,348		2,022,941		
Cash disbursed by operations Payment to suppliers and employees Interest expense		1,734,754 618		1,598,521 701		
Total cash disbursed by operations		1,735,372		1,599,222		
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		374,976		423,719		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of property and equipment		(2,596)		(1,631)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				42.2.2		
Payments on capital lease obligation		(3,318)		(2,907)		
CASH, beginning of year		2,110,386		1,691,205		
CASH, end of year	\$	2,479,448	\$	2,110,386		
NON-CASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES Acquisition of equipment Capital lease obligation	\$	- -	\$	17,498 (17,498)		
	\$	-	\$	-		

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year ended December 31, 2015

(with comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

	2015	2014		
RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 359,735	\$ 455,841		
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Depreciation expense	4,286	7,112		
Amortization expense	-	6,200		
Noncash occupancy costs	(732)	(8,534)		
	3,554	4,778		
CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AFFECTING OPERATIONS PROVIDING (USING) CASH				
ASSETS				
Accounts receivable	507	(615)		
Prepaid expenses	(4,203)	(114)		
Escrow	(850)	4,708		
	(4,546)	3,979		
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	16,817	(50,745)		
Accrued expenses	(584)	9,866		
	16,233	(40,879)		
NET CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	11,687	(36,900)		
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 374,976	\$ 423,719		

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2015 (with comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

Organization and Purpose

The Center for Competitive Politics (the Center) is an independent, not-for-profit organization incorporated in Virginia in November 2005 that promotes and defends the First Amendment to the United States Constitution's rights to free political speech, assembly and petition through litigation, communication, research and education. The Center's major program activities are as follows:

- 1. Litigation The litigation program of the Center pursues strategic litigation and files amicus briefs to defend the First Amendment rights to free political speech, assembly and petition.
- 2. Research and External Relations The Center publishes research on the effects of laws and regulations on the First Amendment rights to free political speech, assembly and petition. The Center also tracks and analyzes proposed legislation and regulations at the federal and state levels that could affect these First Amendment rights.
- 3. Communication The Center educates its supporters and the public at large of the benefits of the First Amendment rights to free political speech, assembly and petition and the importance of these rights to competitive elections to ensure integrity at all levels of the political process. It communicates this information through published articles in newspapers, websites and magazines, briefings of and interviews with journalists, appearances on television and radio, newsletters and an extensive website and blog.

Significant Accounting Policies

Income Taxes

The Center is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and has been granted public charity status. The Center conducts no taxable activities. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been provided in the financial statements.

The Center's Federal Exempt Organization Business Income Tax returns (Form 990) for the years ended 2013, 2014, and 2015 are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, generally for three years after they are filed.

Basis of Accounting

The Center prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned; expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2015 (with comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE (Continued)

Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash consists of checking accounts. The Center considers as cash equivalents highly liquid investments which can be converted into known amounts of cash and have a maturity period of 90 days or less at the time of purchase. There were no cash equivalents as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Center provides for losses on accounts receivable using the allowance method. Management has determined that all significant receivables are collectible and, therefore, an allowance for doubtful accounts has not been established.

Property and Depreciation

All acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$1,000 and all expenditures for repairs, maintenance, renewals, and betterments that materially prolong the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Property and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the appropriate fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method.

Classes of Assets

To ensure the observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Center, the Center accounts for its resources in classes established according to their nature and purpose. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the net assets of the Center included both unrestricted and temporarily restricted net assets. There were no permanently restricted net assets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Classes of Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets include net assets which are available for general operations, as well as funds set aside by the Center's Board of Directors.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets include net assets which are subject to donor-imposed restrictions for support of a particular operating activity.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets represent contributions received from donors to be held in perpetuity. There were no permanently restricted net assets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2015 (with comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE (Continued)

Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Recognition of Contributions

The Center reports contributions with donor-imposed restrictions as restricted support; however, donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support. When the donor restriction ends or purpose is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Conditional contributions are recognized as refundable advances until they become unconditional, at which time they are recognized as support.

Advertising

The Center uses advertising to promote its programs among the public it serves. The costs of advertising are expensed as incurred. For the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Center's advertising expenses were \$150 and \$625, respectively.

Allocation of Functional Expenses

Expenses are charged directly to functional classifications of program, management and general, or development based on specific identification. Indirect expenses have been allocated to functional classifications based on level of effort.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassification

Certain 2014 financial statement amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2015 presentation.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2015 (with comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

2. CASH

Cash as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

	2015	2014
Operating	\$ 2,424,629	\$ 2,112,654
Payroll	54,819	(2,268)
	\$ 2,479,448	\$ 2,110,386

The Center maintains cash balances at multiple financial institutions. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Center's cash balances in excess of federal deposit insurance coverage totaled \$1,721,628 and \$1,566,780, respectively.

3. PROPERTY AND DEPRECIATION

Property and depreciation for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

	2015							
		Depreciation				Aco	cumulated	Useful
		Cost expense d		dep	oreciation	life (years)		
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$	105,921	\$	786	\$	102,693	3 - 5	
Leasehold improvements		80,709		-		80,709	3 - 6	
Equipment under capital lease		17,498		3,500		6,708	5	
Software		16,031		-		16,031	3	
	\$	220,159	\$	4,286	\$	206,141		
				20)14			
			Depr	eciation	Aco	cumulated	Useful	
		Cost	ex	pense	der	oreciation	life (years)	
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Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$	103,325	\$	2,985	\$	101,907	3-5	
Leasehold improvements	\$	103,325 80,709						
	\$	•		2,985		101,907	3-5	
Leasehold improvements	\$	80,709		2,985 919		101,907 80,709	3-5 3-6	
Leasehold improvements Equipment under capital lease	\$	80,709 17,498		2,985 919		101,907 80,709 3,208	3-5 3-6 5	
Leasehold improvements Equipment under capital lease	\$	80,709 17,498		2,985 919		101,907 80,709 3,208	3-5 3-6 5	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2015 (with comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

4. WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT, net

Website development costs and amortization for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

		2015																			
			Amo	rtization	Acc	umulated	Useful														
		Cost		Cost		Cost		Cost		Cost		Cost		Cost		Cost		kpense	amo	ortization	life (years)
Website development	\$	29,200	\$	-	\$	29,200	3														
			Amo	ortization	Acc	umulated	Useful														
		Cost expense		amo	ortization	life (years)															
Website development	\$	29,200	\$	6,200	\$	29,200	3														

5. CAPITAL LEASE

The Center entered into an agreement to lease a copier machine under a capital lease which commenced in February 2014 and expires January 2019. The assets and liabilities under the capital lease are recorded at the lower of the present value of the minimum lease payments or the market value of the asset and will be amortized over its estimated useful life. The capital lease obligation is secured by the leased assets.

Future minimum lease payments under this capital lease are as follows:

	r	Total		Interest		
Fiscal year ending	Pa	Payments		Portion		Net
2016	\$	3,936	\$	458	\$	3,478
2017		3,936		290		3,646
2018		3,936		114		3,822
2019		328		1		327
Total	\$	12,136	\$	863	\$	11,273

Total interest expense for the years ended 2015 and 2014 was \$618 and \$701, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 2015
(with comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

	2015							
	Balance at	Support	Net assets	Balance at				
	January 1,	December 31,						
	2015	revenue	restrictions	2015				
Purpose restricted								
Advocacy restrictions project	\$ 105,239	\$ -	\$ (4,296)	\$ 100,943				
		20	014					
	Balance at	Support	Net assets	Balance at				
	January 1,	and	released from	December 31,				
	2014	revenue restrictions		2014				
Purpose restricted								
Advocacy restrictions project	\$ 118,663	\$ -	\$ (13,424)	\$ 105,239				

7. RETIREMENT PLAN

The Center maintains a 401K plan into which employees can contribute up to \$12,000 of their compensation in pre-tax dollars. The Center matches employee contributions up to 3% of an employee's salary. Contribution expense for the Center totaled \$21,465 and \$21,488 for the years ended 2015 and 2014, respectively.

8. COMMITMENTS - OFFICE LEASE

The Center entered into a lease agreement in September 2007 to lease office space in Alexandria, Virginia. The yearly base rent was \$88,416 with an annual cost of living increase of 3%. The Center delivered to the landlord a standby, irrevocable letter of credit for \$81,090 as a security deposit with the letter of credit declining each year of the lease as long as the lease is not in default. The lease ended in February 2015 and the Center has not renewed the lease. By mutual agreement, the Center has renewed on a month to month lease basis until futher notice. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$118,185 and \$105,783, respectively.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Center has entered into an agreement with the Chairman of its Board of Directors for consulting services to provide legal services, assist the Center's communications activities, including but not limited to media interviews, articles, blog posts and speeches, assist with research and external relations, including testimony, letters and speeches, assist fundraising activities and provide other services as requested. The original agreement expired December 31, 2011; however it has been renewed through December 31, 2015 and will be automatically renewed on an annual basis unless cancelled in writing. The consulting services for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 totaled \$66,000 for each year, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2015 (with comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

10. CONCENTRATIONS

During 2015, the Center received \$1,750,000 or 82.94% of its total revenue from sixteen donors. During 2014, the Center received \$1,540,000 or 76.10% of its total revenue from eight donors. No contracts or pledges exist as a guarantee that these levels of contributions will continue.

11. DONATED SERVICES

The fair value of donated services included as in-kind revenue and program services in the accompanying financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

	 2015	2014		
Legal	\$ 76,806	\$	28,800	
Communications	11,263		28,750	
Research and external relations	 500		15,000	
	\$ 88,569	\$	72,550	

12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing the financial statements, the Center has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 14, 2016, the date of the financial statements were available to be issued.





SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year ended December 31, 2015 (with summarized comparative information for the year ended December 31, 2014)

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	2015															
	Program Services Supporting Services															
	Communication		Legal		Research and External Relations		Total Program		N	Management and General		Development		Total		
																2014
Salaries	\$	175,405	\$	342,094	\$	206,832	\$	724,331	\$	22,711	\$	91,013	\$	838,055	\$	804,952
Payroll taxes		12,550		24,476		14,799		51,825		1,625		6,512		59,962		57,534
Employee benefits		19,457		37,946		22,943		80,346		2,519		10,095		92,960		74,887
Accounting fees		3,012		5,874		3,552		12,438		390		1,563		14,391		13,887
Bank fees		253		493		298		1,044		33		131		1,208		2,488
Business meals		180		338		50		568		5		364		937		6,689
Computer services		3,387		6,605		3,993		13,985		439		1,757		16,181		10,939
Conference		-		-		7,135		7,135		-		5,000		12,135		7,868
Depreciation		897		1,750		1,058		3,705		116		465		4,286		7,112
Amortization		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		6,200
Donated services		11,263		76,806		500		88,569		-		-		88,569		72,550
Dues and subscriptions		548		36,414		590		37,552		-		494		38,046		40,681
Meetings		37		81		52,960		53,078		6		17,658		70,742		1,664
Insurance		146		6,494		180		6,820		123		78		7,021		7,187
Legal		-		29,579		800		30,379		-		11,426		41,805		42,276
Licenses and fees		11		192		-		203		1,875		185		2,263		7,763
Equipment rental		84		163		99		346		11		43		400		-
Interest		129		252		153		534		17		67		618		701
Mailing and postage		1,288		911		1,670		3,869		129		20,063		24,061		14,174
Marketing		150		-		-		150		-		-		150		625
Printing		17,275		16,250		1,656		35,181		497		12,206		47,884		21,716
Professional fees		84,036		42,310		5,938		132,284		14,426		25,076		171,786		198,772
Rent		24,736		48,243		29,168		102,147		3,203		12,835		118,185		105,783
Supplies		1,447		2,822		1,706		5,975		188		751		6,914		8,634
Telephone and internet		1,145		2,234		1,350		4,729		149		594		5,472		5,206
Travel		216		17,253		15,496		32,965		148		925		34,038		42,506
Lobbying		-		-		30,000		30,000		-		-		30,000		-
Grant expense		-		-		3,600		3,600		-		-		3,600		-
Miscellaneous		3,859		7,526		4,550		15,935		500		2,002		18,437		4,921
Total	\$	361,511	\$	707,106	\$	411,076	\$	1,479,693	\$	49,110	\$	221,303	\$	1,750,106	\$	1,567,715

See Independent Auditors' Report.