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Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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2023

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A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning		10/01	, 2023, and ending	09/30	, 20 24
B Check if applicable:		C Name of organization THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC.		D Employer identification number 59-2807815	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change		Doing business as		E Telephone number (813) 273-4509	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)		Room/suite	
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		701 CHANNELSIDE DRIVE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code			
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		TAMPA, FL 33602			
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		F Name and address of principal officer: ROGER GERMANN SAME AS C ABOVE		G Gross receipts \$ 48,510,580	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
J Website: WWW.FLAQUARIUM.ORG		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If "No," attach a list. See instructions.	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		L Year of formation: 1986		M State of legal domicile: FL	

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM'S SHARED PURPOSE IS A COMMITMENT TO SAVING MARINE WILDLIFE. OUR VISION IS TO BE FLORIDA'S LEADING CONSERVATION-BASED AQUARIUM.		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	35
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	35
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5	440
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	918
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	9,375,919	7,464,242
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	27,046,949	28,427,036
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	3,179
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	4,271,259	4,686,468
		40,694,127	40,580,925
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	17,578,931	19,086,837
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	26,337	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 1,211,678		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	14,316,959	17,326,287
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	31,922,227	36,413,124
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	8,771,900	4,167,801	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	55,741,278	60,585,919
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	5,768,370	5,797,695
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	49,972,908	54,788,224

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date
	KIM CASEY, CFO	
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	GINA ARDILLO	GINA ARDILLO	08/11/2025		P01395893
	Firm's name	CROWE LLP	Firm's EIN	35-0921680	
Firm's address	401 EAST LAS OLAS BLVD, SUITE 1100, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301-4230	Phone no.	(954) 202-8600		

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM'S MISSION FOCUSES ON OUR SHARED PURPOSE OF A COMMITMENT TO SAVE MARINE WILDLIFE, WITH A VISION TO BE FLORIDA'S LEADING CONSERVATION-BASED AQUARIUM. IT ACCOMPLISHES THIS MISSION THROUGH HOSTING OVER 1 MILLION VISITORS ANNUALLY AT THE AQUARIUM FACILITY, AND BY (CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O)

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 \$ 13,309,023 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 26,915,504)

AQUARIUM VISITATION ADMISSIONS - WITH A KEEN FOCUS ON DELIVERING WORLD-CLASS ANIMAL CARE TO THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS, THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM WELCOMES VISITORS (OVER 1 MILLION GUESTS FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER IN BOTH 2023 AND 2024) TO EXPERIENCE A WIDE VARIETY OF AQUATIC AND TERRESTRIAL ANIMALS WITH THE GOAL OF BUILDING AWARENESS AND INSPIRING ACTION FOR SPECIES AND HABITAT CONSERVATION. FOR EDUTAINMENT, GUESTS WILL ALSO EXPLORE COMPLEX ECOSYSTEMS, ENGAGE WITH INTERACTIVE AND INFORMATIONAL EXHIBITS AND SEARCH FOR WILD DOLPHINS IN TAMPA BAY. MORE THAN A MUST-SEE ATTRACTION, THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM IS WORKING TO PROTECT AND RESTORE OUR BLUE PLANET THROUGH CONSERVATION EFFORTS THAT INCLUDED GROUND-BREAKING RESEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS THAT HELP RESTORE FLORIDA'S CORAL AND SEA TURTLE POPULATIONS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 11,757,578 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 326,687)

CONSERVATION, RESEARCH AND ANIMAL PROGRAMS - THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM IS DEDICATED TO USING A SCIENCE-BASED, IMPACT-DRIVEN APPROACH TO MEET ITS VISION AND SHARED PURPOSE. WITH CONSERVATION BEING OUR FOREMOST BUSINESS FOCUS WE INFUSE OUR SHARED PURPOSE THROUGHOUT THE AQUARIUM, FROM MESSAGING, TO SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES, TO SCIENCE, TO ACTION. WE STRATEGICALLY FOCUS ON CONSERVATION INITIATIVES THAT ADVANCE OUR CONSERVATION PRIORITIES, AMPLIFY OUR EXPERTISE, LEVERAGE AND PROMOTE OUR PARTNERSHIPS, AND MAXIMIZE OUR ABILITY TO SERVE AS FLORIDA'S LEADING CONSERVATION-BASED AQUARIUM. WE INCORPORATE CONSERVATION MESSAGING AND ACTION OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT OUR AUDIENCES TO MARINE WILDLIFE, EXPAND THEIR AWARENESS OF THE AQUARIUM'S CONSERVATION COMMITMENTS AND EFFORTS, CULTIVATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY TOO CAN TAKE IMPACTFUL STEPS TO HELP BUILD A POSITIVE FUTURE, AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE THEIR CONSERVATION ACTION ENGAGEMENT.

(CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 3,202,111 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,184,845)

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS - THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM'S LEARNING CENTER PROVIDES TECHNOLOGY-RICH SPACES FOR INNOVATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING CAMPS, FIELD TRIPS, AND ON-SITE PROGRAMS FOR LEARNERS OF ALL AGES. OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS BRING HANDS-ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE LEARNING EXPERIENCES INTO A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY SPACES. WE IMPACT EVEN MORE STUDENTS THROUGH OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS AND VIRTUAL CLASS PROGRAMMING. IN 2024, ALMOST 70,000 PARTICIPATED IN THE AQUARIUM'S LEARNING PROGRAMS. OVER THE COURSE OF THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM'S HISTORY, ALMOST 2 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITED FROM ITS SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS. AQUA CAMPS, EDUCATIONAL DAY CAMPS OFFERED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND SUMMER BREAK EACH YEAR, CONSISTENTLY SELL OUT DUE TO COMMUNITY DEMAND AND SERVE OVER 1,000 STUDENTS EACH YEAR. THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM'S EDUCATORS ALSO TRAVEL UP TO 75 MILES TO PROVIDE IN-PERSON OUTREACH PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY SPACES. FINALLY, OUR EDUCATORS LIKE TO HAVE FUN WITH OUR GUESTS TOO

(CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O)

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 28,268,712

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	1 ✓	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	2 ✓	
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	3 ✓	
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	4 ✓	
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	5 ✓	
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	6 ✓	
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	7 ✓	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8 ✓	
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	9 ✓	
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10 ✓	
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	11a ✓	
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	11b ✓	
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	11c ✓	
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	11d ✓	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e ✓	
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	11f ✓	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a ✓	
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 ✓	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13 ✓	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
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 ✓	
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a ✓	
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 ✓	

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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	✓
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	✓
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	✓
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	✓
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	✓
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	✓
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	✓
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	✓
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	✓
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b	✓
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	✓
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	✓
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	✓

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	83
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	✓

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

		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	440
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	✓
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a	✓
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	✓
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	✓
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g	
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	8	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9a	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9b	
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	10a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	10b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:	11a	
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	11b	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	12a	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:	12b	
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	13a	
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	13b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	13c	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	14a	✓
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.	14b	
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	15	✓
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	16	✓
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	17	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O		
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.		
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.		
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.		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on 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

	Yes	No
1a	35	
1b	35	
2		✓
3		✓
4		✓
5		✓
6		✓
7a		✓
7b		✓
8a	✓	
8b	✓	
9		✓

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. 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 on Schedule O.

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

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

3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?

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

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

6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?

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

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

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:

a The governing body?

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

9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O

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

	Yes	No
10a		✓
10b		
11a	✓	
12a	✓	
12b	✓	
12c	✓	
13	✓	
14	✓	
15a	✓	
15b	✓	
16a		✓
16b		

10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?

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?

11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?

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? If "No," go to line 13

b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?

c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done.

13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?

14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?

15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?

a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official

b Other officers or key employees of the organization

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?

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?

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AL, FL, GA, KS, (CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O)

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 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 on Schedule O)

19 Describe on 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.

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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, and 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			
(1) ROGER GERMANN	40.0								
PRESIDENT/CEO	0.0		✓				466,394	0	32,621
(2) ANDY WOOD	40.0			✓					
COO	0.0		✓				256,786	0	31,293
(3) KIMBERLY CASEY	40.0			✓					
CFO	1.0		✓				251,894	0	17,473
(4) TIM BINDER	40.0								
SR VP OF ANIMAL CARE & HEALTH	0.0			✓			211,154	0	29,330
(5) DEBBORAH LUKE	40.0								
SR. VP OF CONSERVATION	0.0					✓	197,591	0	11,247
(6) DEBORAH STONE	40.0								
SR. VP OF ENGAGEMENT & LEARNING	0.0				✓		162,775	0	29,009
(7) ANTONIO ROKITA	40.0								
SR. VP OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	0.0					✓	181,363	0	8,768
(8) KELLY CURINGTON	40.0								
CPO	0.0				✓		173,389	0	10,342
(9) TONI WOFFORD	40.0								
VICE PRESIDENT OF PHILANTHROPY	0.0					✓	142,096	0	18,183
(10) DOUGLAS BRIGMAN	5.0								
TREASURER	0.0	✓	✓				0	0	0
(11) JOHN COURIS	10.0								
BOARD CHAIR	1.0	✓	✓				0	0	0
(12) KIMBERLY BRUCE	10.0								
IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR/ AUDIT CHAIR	1.0	✓	✓				0	0	0
(13) LAUREN FERNANDEZ	5.0								
SECRETARY/COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CHAIR	0.0	✓	✓				0	0	0
(14) ADAM THOMAS	3.0								
BOARD MEMBER	0.0	✓					0	0	0

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

(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			
(15) ANDREA GONZMART WILLIAMS	5.0								
ANIMAL COLLECTIONS CHAIR	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(16) BALAJI BELLUR	3.0								
BOARD MEMBER	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(17) BENJAMIN PRATT	3.0								
BOARD MEMBER	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(18) CARLOS ALDAZABAL	3.0								
BOARD MEMBER	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(19) CHARLIE MIRANDA	3.0								
BOARD MEMBER	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(20) DALE HOFFMAN	5.0								
BOARD/STAFF ENGAGEMENT LIAISON	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(21) DAN BORASCH	3.0								
BOARD MEMBER	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(22) DANNY PERSAUD	3.0								
BOARD MEMBER	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(23) DAVID BEVIRT	5.0								
GOVERNANCE CHAIR	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(24) DENNIS ROGERO	3.0								
BOARD MEMBER	0.0	✓					0	0	0
(25) (SEE STATEMENT)									
1b Subtotal							2,043,442	0	188,266
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0	0	0
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							2,043,442	0	188,266

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 **22**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	✓
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	✓
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	✓

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
TVS, 1200 PEACHTREE STREET NE STE 200, ATLANTA, GA 30309	ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES	964,992
IDEAS, 530 GENEVA PLACE, ORLANDO, FL 32801	EXHIBIT DESIGN SERVICES	813,246
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS - ALL COVERED, DEPT LA 22988, PASADENA, CA 91185	IT MANAGED SERVICES PROVIDER	373,870
SPACE HAUS, 4348 W LAKE STREET, SUITE 305, CHICAGO, IL 60624	EXHIBIT DESIGN SERVICES	352,824
UNIVERSAL PROTECTION SERVICE, PO BOX 828854, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19182	SECURITY SERVICES	314,236
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	16	

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts						
1a	Federated campaigns	1a	0			
b	Membership dues	1b	0			
c	Fundraising events	1c	0			
d	Related organizations	1d	0			
e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	2,171,516			
f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	5,292,726			
g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$			
h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		7,464,242			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
2a	AQUARIUM VISITATION ADMISSIONS	712130	26,915,504	26,915,504	0	0
b	EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	712130	1,184,846	1,184,846	0	0
c	CONSERVATION AND ANIMAL PROGRAMS	712130	326,686	326,686	0	0
d			0	0		
e						
f	All other program service revenue . .		0	0	0	0
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		28,427,036			
Other Revenue						
3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		0	0	0	0
4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0	0	0	0
5	Royalties		0	0	0	0
6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
6a		6a	0	0		
6b		6b	0	0		
6c		6c	0	0		
d	Net rental income or (loss)		0	0	0	0
7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		7a	0	4,000		
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	0	821		
c	Gain or (loss)	7c	0	3,179		
d	Net gain or (loss)		3,179	0	0	3,179
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	0			
b	Less: direct expenses	8b	0			
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		0		0	0
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a	0			
b	Less: direct expenses	9b	0			
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0	0	0	0
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	10,600,345			
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b	7,928,834			
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		2,671,511	0	0	2,671,511
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a	CONCESSION INCOME	722514	174,627	0	0	174,627
b	PARKING LOT REVENUE	812930	1,577,017	0	0	1,577,017
c	PHOTO OPERATIONS INCOME	541921	244,124	0	0	244,124
d	All other revenue		19,189	0	0	19,189
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		2,014,957			
12	Total revenue. See instructions		40,580,925	28,427,036	0	4,689,647

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	0	0		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,308,850	536,177	772,673	0
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7 Other salaries and wages	14,817,484	12,253,036	1,912,864	651,584
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	71,178	59,095	8,443	3,640
9 Other employee benefits	1,720,324	1,465,451	170,218	84,655
10 Payroll taxes	1,169,001	926,173	197,432	45,396
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management	0	0	0	0
b Legal	27,712	0	27,712	0
c Accounting	272,960	0	272,960	0
d Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
f Investment management fees	0	0	0	0
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	0	0	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion	1,663,953	164,281	1,418,185	81,487
13 Office expenses	2,599,952	976,787	1,408,614	214,551
14 Information technology	916,022	696,176	155,724	64,122
15 Royalties	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy	5,188,294	5,096,886	71,258	20,150
17 Travel	106,641	29,999	69,088	7,554
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	468,424	191,789	260,937	15,698
20 Interest	0	0	0	0
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,589,717	3,586,010	3,707	0
23 Insurance	682,170	594,518	80,228	7,424
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a ANIMALS, PLANTS, SEAWATER, FOOD	945,873	945,873	0	0
b DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	166,005	47,897	102,691	15,417
c SECURITY SERVICES	698,564	698,564	0	0
d	0	0	0	0
e All other expenses	0	0	0	0
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	36,413,124	28,268,712	6,932,734	1,211,678
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	35,109	1	38,352
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	22,954,203	2	23,691,949
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3,396,499	3	5,909,400
	4 Accounts receivable, net	938,137	4	723,397
	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			
		0	5	0
	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)			
		0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		0	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use		0	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		269,496	411,376
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 47,331,689		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 19,533,457	26,500,523	10c 27,798,232
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		1,333,853	11 1,756,096
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		0	12 0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		0	13 0
	14 Intangible assets		0	14 0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		313,458	15 257,117
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		55,741,278	16 60,585,919
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,355,086	17	3,729,802
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue		2,101,401	19 1,811,875
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		0	20 0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		0	21 0
	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		0	22 0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		0	23 0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		0	24 0
	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		311,883	25 256,018
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		5,768,370	26 5,797,695
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	45,600,345	27	47,672,589
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	4,372,563	28	7,115,635
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	29	0
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	30	0
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	31	0
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	49,972,908	32	54,788,224
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	55,741,278	33	60,585,919

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	40,580,925
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	36,413,124
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	4,167,801
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	49,972,908
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	594,759
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	27,000
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	25,756
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	54,788,224

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	✓
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	✓
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 on Schedule O.	2c	✓
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?	3a	✓
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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits .	3b	✓

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (Check all that apply)				(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee		
(25) DOREEN CAUDELL	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(26) DOUGLAS MONTGOMERY	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(27) ERIC WEISBERG	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(28) FELICIA HARVEY	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL	0.0							0
(29) G. ROBERT BLANCHARD	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(30) JAY MILLER	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
CAPITAL PROJECTS BOARD LIAISON	0.0							0
(31) KRISTIN GRECO	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
LEARNING COMMITTEE CHAIR	0.0							0
(32) LAKSHMI SHENOY	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(33) LEO CANNYN	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(34) MARCUS GREENE	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(35) MICHAEL ESPOSITO	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(36) MICHAEL OWEN	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(37) REGINALD GOINS	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	1.0							0
(38) RINI FREDETTE	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(39) RONNIE GREEN	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(40) SANTIAGO CORRADA	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(41) TOM MOSEY	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE CHAIR	0.0							0
(42) TYLER HILL	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0
(43) VERONICA CINTRON	5.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
MARKETING & GUEST EXPERIENCE CHAIR	0.0							0
(44) YAQUB AHMED	3.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					0	0
BOARD MEMBER	0.0							0

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

2023**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC.

Employer identification number

59-2807815

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		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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Schedule A (Form 990) 2023

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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						
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						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
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						
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						
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						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33¹/₃% support test—2023. 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33¹/₃% support test—2022. 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023. 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022. 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>

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) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	2,996,914	14,399,082	7,641,299	9,375,919	7,464,242	41,877,456
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	10,578,668	19,074,555	23,798,629	27,046,949	28,427,036	108,925,837
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	3,740,274	6,292,816	9,243,200	10,615,714	10,600,345	40,492,349
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	17,315,856	39,766,453	40,683,128	47,038,582	46,491,623	191,295,642
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	337,703	158,321	429,045	651,295	3,272,123	4,848,487
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	337,703	158,321	429,045	651,295	3,272,123	4,848,487
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						186,447,155

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	17,315,856	39,766,453	40,683,128	47,038,582	46,491,623	191,295,642
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	7,948	0	0	0	0	7,948
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	7,948	0	0	0	0	7,948
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	719,372	1,193,533	1,140,107	1,577,208	2,014,957	6,645,177
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	18,043,176	40,959,986	41,823,235	48,615,790	48,506,580	197,948,767
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						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	94.19 %
16 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	95.74 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.00 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.00 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support tests—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3a		
3b		
3c		
4a		
4b		
4c		
5a		
5b		
5c		
6		
7		
8		
9a		
9b		
9c		
10a		
10b		

1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.

2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).

3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.

b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination.

c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.

4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 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 (as 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.)

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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 line 11a above?

c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in **Part VI**.

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, 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 officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.

2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.

	Yes	No
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Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (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?

2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).

3 By reason of the relationship described on 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.

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.

b Did the activities described 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.

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**.

b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard.

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

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):		
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 (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
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 0.85 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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— <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5
6	Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). 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 (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2023 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-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
1 Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required— <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023			
a From 2018			
b From 2019			
c From 2020			
d From 2021			
e From 2022			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2019 . . .			
b Excess from 2020 . . .			
c Excess from 2021 . . .			
d Excess from 2022 . . .			
e Excess from 2023 . . .			

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.)

Part VI

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.)

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation						
SCHEDULE A, PART III, LINE 12 - OTHER INCOME	Other Income Type	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
	(1) PARKING LOT REVENUE	478,469	1,019,359	969,889	1,167,799	1,577,017	5,212,533
	(2) CONCESSION INCOME	49,064	106,534	3,735	175,393	174,627	509,353
	(3) PHOTO OPERATIONS INCOME	182,515	46,133	136,238	212,904	244,124	821,914
	(4) OTHER INCOME	9,324	21,507	30,245	21,112	19,189	101,377

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (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 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 33½% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), 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 (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), 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), 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 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

Name of organization

THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC.

Employer identification number

59-2807815

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 437,400	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2		\$ 500,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3		\$ 75,318	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4		\$ 287,655	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5		\$ 551,143	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6		\$ 62,183	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 204,864	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8		\$ 15,003	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9		\$ 37,950	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10		\$ 93,130	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11		\$ 12,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
12		\$ 20,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13		\$ 6,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
14		\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
15		\$ 9,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
16		\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
17		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
18		\$ 27,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
19		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
20		\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
21		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
22		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
23		\$ 20,206	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
24		\$ 9,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
25		\$ 9,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
26		\$ 30,507	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
27		\$ 24,199	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
28		\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
29		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
30		\$ 11,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
31		\$ 20,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
32		\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
33		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
34		\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
35		\$ 20,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
36		\$ 6,909	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
37		\$ 436,237	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
38		\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
39		\$ 150,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
40		\$ 13,400	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
41		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
42		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
43		\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
44		\$ 50,260	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
45		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
46		\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
47		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
48		\$ 5,174	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
49		\$ 9,925	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
50		\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
51		\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
52		\$ 35,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
53		\$ 142,918	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
54		\$ 439,234	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
55		\$ 209,755	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
56		\$ 2,669,629	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (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
		\$ _____	-----
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	-----
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	-----
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	-----
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	-----
(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.

**SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c) and Section 527
Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities." \$
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions \$
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions \$

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

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

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

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

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)	-----			
(2)	-----			
(3)	-----			
(4)	-----			
(5)	-----			
(6)	-----			

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Schedule C (Form 990) 2023

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 2px;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 2px;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">not over \$500,000,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">over \$17,000,000,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	not over \$500,000,	20% of the amount on line 1e.	over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000,	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000,	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000,	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	over \$17,000,000,	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
not over \$500,000,	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000,	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000,	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000,	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
over \$17,000,000,	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.

See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?		✓	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?		✓	
c Media advertisements?		✓	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		✓	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		✓	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		✓	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		✓	
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		✓	
i Other activities?	✓		738
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			738
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to not be described in section 501(c)(3)?		✓	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).	
a Current year	2a
b Carryover from last year	2b
c Total	2c
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures next year?	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See instructions	4
	5

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE C, PART II-B, LINE 1 - DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE LOBBYING ACTIVITY	THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC. PAYS DUES TO VARIOUS TRADE ORGANIZATIONS. SOME OF THESE TRADE ORGANIZATIONS USE A PORTION OF THE DUES FOR LOBBYING EXPENDITURES.

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.
Attach to Form 990.Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	
a Total number of conservation easements	Held at the End of the Tax Year
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2a
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2b
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2c
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year	2d
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 \$ _____

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

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

a Public exhibition d Loan or exchange program
 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	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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

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

Part V Endowment Funds

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" 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	1,465,128	1,232,729	1,443,666	1,136,870	1,012,020
b Contributions	0	0	0	0	0
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	469,887	232,399	(210,937)	306,796	124,850
d Grants or scholarships	0	0	0	0	0
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	0	0	0	0	0
f Administrative expenses	0	0	0	0	0
g End of year balance	1,935,015	1,465,128	1,232,729	1,443,666	1,136,870

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment **0.00** %

b Permanent endowment **19.00** %

c Term endowment **81.00** %

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:

	Yes	No
3a(i)	✓	
3a(ii)	✓	
3b	✓	

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

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		0	0		0
b Buildings		0	0	0	0
c Leasehold improvements		0	42,380,672	15,215,114	27,165,558
d Equipment		0	3,699,203	3,107,454	591,749
e Other		0	1,251,814	1,210,889	40,925
Total.	Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				27,798,232

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, line 12, col. (B)) . . .		

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, line 13, col. (B)) . . .		

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, line 15, col. (B))	

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) LEASE LIABILITIES - OPERATING, NET		256,018
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))		256,018

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 FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII .

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

SEE STATEMENT

Part XIII

Supplemental Information. Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS	IT IS THE AQUARIUM'S INTENTION TO GROW THESE ENDOWMENT FUNDS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR THE AQUARIUM. EARNINGS FROM THE AQUARIUM'S ENDOWMENT ARE CURRENTLY BEING LEFT IN THE ENDOWMENT FUND TO HELP GROW THE CORPUS. AS THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS GET LARGER, EARNINGS WILL BE RELEASED TO HELP COVER THE ANNUAL COSTS OF THE AQUARIUM FACILITY'S PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT THE AQUARIUM'S LIVING COLLECTION MAINTAINS THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS. ENDOWMENT EARNINGS WOULD ALSO BE USED TO PROMOTE AND EXPAND THE AQUARIUM'S CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH EFFORTS. ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD BY THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM AND THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM FOUNDATION, INC. AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.
SCHEDULE D, PART X, LINE 2 - FIN 48 (ASC 740) FOOTNOTE	THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC. AND FOUNDATION ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AS TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE IRC. INCOME EARNED IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE ENTITIES' TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSES IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES. AS SUCH, NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX EXPENSE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE ACCOMPANYING CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE AQUARIUM FOLLOWS THE ACCOUNTING STANDARD ON ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES. MANAGEMENT ASSESSED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS WHICH MAY GIVE RISE TO INCOME TAX LIABILITIES AND DETERMINED THAT THERE WERE NO SUCH MATTERS REQUIRING RECOGNITION IN THE ACCOMPANYING CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. GENERALLY, THE AQUARIUM IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO U.S. FEDERAL OR STATE INCOME TAX EXAMINATIONS BY TAX AUTHORITIES FOR THREE YEARS FROM THE FILING DATE OF THE RESPECTIVE RETURNS.

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information
For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
Attach to Form 990.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Inspection**

Name of the organization

THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC.

Employer identification number

59-2807815

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)

	Yes	No
1b	✓	
2	✓	

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

4a	✓
4b	✓
4c	✓

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

a The organization?
b Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

5a	✓

5b	✓

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

a The organization?
b Any related organization?

If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

6a	✓

6b	✓

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

7	✓

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

8	✓

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

9	

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

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

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

			(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)–(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
			(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1	ROGER GERMANN PRESIDENT/CEO	(i)	387,590	78,804	0	1,717	30,904	499,015	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	ANDY WOOD COO	(i)	217,473	39,300	13	1,891	29,402	288,079	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	KIMBERLY CASEY CFO	(i)	214,727	37,167	0	1,799	15,674	269,367	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	TIM BINDER SR VP OF ANIMAL CARE & HEALTH	(i)	184,265	23,823	3,066	1,674	27,656	240,484	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	DEBBORAH LUKE SR. VP OF CONSERVATION	(i)	176,381	21,210	0	1,491	9,756	208,838	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	DEBORAH STONE SR. VP OF ENGAGEMENT & LEARNING	(i)	142,837	18,822	1,116	1,323	27,686	191,784	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	ANTONIO ROKITA SR. VP OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	(i)	161,914	19,449	0	88	8,680	190,131	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	KELLY CURINGTON CPO	(i)	148,059	25,224	106	1,095	9,247	183,731	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	TONI WOFFORD VICE PRESIDENT OF PHILANTHROPY	(i)	126,494	15,375	227	1,111	17,072	160,279	0
		(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10		(i)							
		(ii)							
11		(i)							
		(ii)							
12		(i)							
		(ii)							
13		(i)							
		(ii)							
14		(i)							
		(ii)							
15		(i)							
		(ii)							
16		(i)							
		(ii)							

Part III

Supplemental Information. Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 1A - HEALTH OR SOCIAL CLUB DUES OR INITIATION FEES	THE PRESIDENT/CEO IS A MEMBER OF A SOCIAL CLUB, WITH INITIATION FEES AND MONTHLY DUES PAID BY THE AQUARIUM, AND IS INCLUDED AS TAXABLE COMPENSATION. MEETINGS WITH DONORS AND POTENTIAL FUNDERS ARE CONDUCTED AT THIS CLUB.
SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 7 - NON-FIXED PAYMENTS	EACH EMPLOYEE'S BONUS IS BASED ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL GOALS. ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS MUST BE MET BEFORE ANY EMPLOYEE IS ELIGIBLE FOR A BONUS. IF ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS ARE MET, THEN THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH EMPLOYEE IS ASSESSED AT THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL TO DETERMINE IF THE EMPLOYEE QUALIFIES FOR A BONUS. IF THE EMPLOYEE'S PERFORMANCE QUALIFIES THEM FOR A BONUS, THEN A BONUS IS AWARDED AT A PRE-DETERMINED PERCENTAGE BASED ON THE EMPLOYEE'S JOB TITLE LEVEL. THESE PERCENTAGES ARE APPROVED ANNUALLY BY THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC.Employer Identification Number
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Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	PRESENTING EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS TO THE PUBLIC, HIGHLIGHTING OUR ANIMAL AMBASSADORS. CONSERVATION PROJECTS FOCUSING ON CORAL PROPAGATION AND RESTORATION, SEA TURTLE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION, AND PENGUIN CONSERVATION ARE ALSO TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE AQUARIUM.
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B - PROGRAM SERVICE DESCRIPTION	THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM HAS IDENTIFIED FOUR CONSERVATION PRIORITIES: *SAFEGUARDING IMPERILED WILDLIFE *GENERATING HEALTHY HABITATS *REDUCING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION AND POLLUTION *ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS OPERATIONS. WITHIN THESE PRIORITIES, WE MAINTAIN A PORTFOLIO OF CONSERVATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS, SUCH AS OUR CORAL PROPAGATION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM AND SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION PROGRAM.
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C - PROGRAM SERVICE DESCRIPTION	THROUGH SLEEPOVERS, BIRTHDAY PARTIES, ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS, AND VISITS FROM AQUARIUM MASCOTS, TANGO AND ROCKY.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 1A - DELEGATE BROAD AUTHORITY TO A COMMITTEE	PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2 OF THE ORGANIZATION'S BYLAWS, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD BETWEEN BOARD MEETINGS AND WHEN THE BOARD IS NOT ABLE TO MEET. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S ROLE IS TO IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE FULL BOARD FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION-MAKING, CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA, LEAD THE BOARD IN REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM GOALS, ANNUAL AND STRATEGIC PLANS, AND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS PROPOSED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR OTHER OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION OR OTHER COMMITTEES, AND PROVIDE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE AND MAY EXERCISE TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD SUCH POWERS OF THE BOARD AS CAN BE LAWFULLY DELEGATED BY THE BOARD, BUT THE BOARD HOLDS ULTIMATE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE CORPORATION. ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BODY.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7A - MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS ELECTING MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BODY	THE CITY OF TAMPA, OWNER OF THE AQUARIUM'S BUILDING AND LAND, HAS ENGAGED THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC. TO OPERATE AND MANAGE THE FACILITIES ON THEIR BEHALF. AS A CONDITION OF THIS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT, THE CITY OF TAMPA IS ALLOWED TO APPOINT 1 MEMBER TO THE AQUARIUM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; AND THE CITY COUNCIL IS ALLOWED TO APPOINT 1 MEMBER TO THE AQUARIUM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - REVIEW OF FORM 990 BY GOVERNING BODY	A COPY OF THE FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED IN DETAIL BY THE CFO, THE PRESIDENT/CEO, AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND WAS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH VOTING MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING BODY PRIOR TO BEING FILED.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY	ANNUALLY, THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND QUESTIONNAIRE ARE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND INTERESTED PARTIES. THE AQUARIUM'S PRESIDENT/CEO AND CFO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND TRACKING RESPONSES. ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE COMMUNICATED TO THE BOARD CHAIR FOR ANALYSIS. ONE OF THE AQUARIUM'S VALUES FOCUSES ON TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS. ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARE OPENLY DISCUSSED AND RESOLVED. BOARD MEMBERS WITH POTENTIAL CONFLICTS WILL EXCUSE THEMSELVES FROM DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS THAT MAY BE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS. THE AQUARIUM'S CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF TAMPA ALSO REQUIRES AN ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY'S NON-PROFIT ETHICS ORDINANCE. THIS ORDINANCE REQUIRES THAT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY BE ADOPTED.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - PROCESS TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL	THE AQUARIUM'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHES, REVIEWS, AND APPROVES, ON AN ONGOING BASIS, THE COMPENSATION AMOUNT OF THE PRESIDENT/CEO. MEMBERS WITH CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS. COMPARABILITY DATA SUCH AS COMPENSATION SURVEYS, FROM THE AZA (ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS), MERCER, ABB/LANGER, WCEA, PRM, AND THE LOCAL TAMPA BAY REGION AND COMPETITORS ARE USED TO DETERMINE REASONABLENESS OF COMPENSATION LEVEL. THE DELIBERATIONS ARE RECORDED IN THE COMMITTEE MINUTES. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORTS ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE BOARD. THIS PROCESS IS UNDERTAKEN ANNUALLY, INCLUDING FISCAL YEAR 2024.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation				
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - PROCESS TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES	THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, THE CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER, ALL SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS, AND THE VP OF PHILANTHROPY DIRECTLY REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT/CEO. THE PRESIDENT/CEO PERFORMS PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS WITH EACH OF THESE MEMBERS. THE PRESIDENT THEN RECOMMENDS COMPENSATION TO THE AQUARIUM'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE UTILIZES COMPARABILITY DATA SUCH AS INDEPENDENT SALARY SURVEYS TO DETERMINE REASONABLENESS OF THE RECOMMENDED SALARY LEVELS. THE DELIBERATIONS ARE RECORDED IN THE COMMITTEE MINUTES. THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORTS ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE BOARD. THIS PROCESS IS UNDERTAKEN ANNUALLY, INCLUDING FISCAL YEAR 2024.				
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17 - STATES WITH WHICH A COPY OF THIS FORM 990 IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED	MA, MD, MI, MN, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OR, RI, SC, UT, VT				
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC	THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. ONCE A REQUEST IS MADE, THE DOCUMENT OR DOCUMENTS ARE EITHER SCANNED AND E-MAILED OR FAXED TO THE REQUESTING PARTY.				
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**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC.

Employer identification number

59-2807815

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

Attach to Form 990.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

	(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
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Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

	(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
							Yes
(1)	THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM FOUNDATION, INC. (59-3406946) 701 CHANNELSIDE DRIVE, TAMPA, FL 33602	SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION	FL	501(C)(3)	12 TYPE I	THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM, INC.	✓
(2)							
(3)							
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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512–514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No			
(1) _____											
(2) _____											
(3) _____											
(4) _____											
(5) _____											
(6) _____											
(7) _____											

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) _____									
(2) _____									
(3) _____									
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(7) _____									

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note: Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

		Yes	No
1	During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
a	Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		
b	Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		
c	Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)		
d	Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		
e	Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		
f	Dividends from related organization(s)		
g	Sale of assets to related organization(s)		
h	Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		
i	Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		
j	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		
k	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		
l	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		
m	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		
n	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)		
o	Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)		
p	Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		
q	Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses		
r	Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		
s	Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		
2	If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.		

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512–514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
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