

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

2020

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01/2020 **and ending** 12/31/2020

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization <u>FairVote Washington</u>		D Employer identification number <u>83-1994669</u>
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number <u>425-999-6356</u>
	F Group Exemption Number ▶		
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <u>Bothell, WA, 98041-0395</u>		

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

I Website: ▶ fairvotewa.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – 501(c)(3) 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 155,473

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	<u>135,473</u>
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	<u>20,000</u>
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	<u>0</u>
	4 Investment income	4	<u>0</u>
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	<u>0</u>
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	<u>0</u>
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	<u>0</u>
	6 Gaming and fundraising events:		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	<u>0</u>
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>0</u> of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	<u>0</u>	
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	<u>0</u>	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	<u>0</u>	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	<u>0</u>	
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	<u>0</u>	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	<u>0</u>	
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	<u>0</u>	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	<u>155,473</u>	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	<u>0</u>
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	<u>0</u>
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	<u>111,313</u>
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	<u>27,148</u>
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	<u>0</u>
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	<u>127</u>
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	<u>9,700</u>
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	<u>148,288</u>	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<u>7,185</u>
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	<u>3,975</u>
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	<u>-1,300</u>
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	<u>9,860</u>

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	3,975	22 11,241
23 Land and buildings	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24 0
25 Total assets	3,975	25 11,241
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26 1,381
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	3,975	27 9,860

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? To Promote Electoral Reform in WA State

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28 <u>Public Outreach & Education: Outreach events and public education regarding the function of our democracy and reforms that could allow our voting systems to function more effectively, such as Ranked Choice Voting</u> (Grants \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	95,943
29 <u>Partnership Building with Election Administrators and Allied Organizations: Visit with elections administrators around the state and allied organizations to discuss benefits and to offer support regarding future implementation of Ranked Choice Voting</u> (Grants \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	47,971
30 <u>Worked to Pass State Legislation to Introduce Ranked Choice Voting: Promote Ranked Choice Voting in the state capitol and resolutions of support in cities and counties throughout the state.</u> (Grants \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	325
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	0
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	144,239

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
<u>Lisa Aryault</u> Executive Director	30.00	3,404	0	0
<u>George Cheung</u> President	5.00	0	0	0
<u>David Bangs</u> Secretary & Treasurer	5.00	0	0	0
<u>Michael Li</u> Director	3.00	0	0	0
<u>Rory O'Sullivan</u> Director	3.00	0	0	0
<u>Charlotte Franklin</u> Director	3.00	0	0	0
<u>Marc Miller</u> Director	3.00	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 3,250
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of David Bangs Telephone no. 425-999-6356
Located at PO Box 395, Bothell, WA 98041-0395 ZIP + 4 98041-0395
42b 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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b 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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47 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	47	
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A **Yes** **No**

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
	▶ David Bangs, Secretary & Treasurer Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Samuel Dahlin	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01888405
	Firm's name ▶ Rising Sun Accounting	Firm's EIN ▶ 82-3726482			
	Firm's address ▶ PO Box 25726, Seattle, WA 98165	Phone no. 206-939-5442			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ **Yes** **No**

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No. 1545-0047

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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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

[FairVote Washington](#)

[83-1994669](#)

[Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Office Expenses: \\$7,463; Outreach & Event Supplies: \\$1,282; Travel, Meals & Entertainment: \\$956](#)

[Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20 - Prior Period Adjustment -\\$1,300](#)

[Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Accounts Payable: \\$1,381](#)